



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

RISE & SHINE

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Priest in Charge

Serving God, Helping others, Living hope

Holy Lent and Blessed Easter

The holy season of Lent is a time when all of us are given yet another opportunity to make efforts to draw closer to God by loving, obeying, and following Him/Her daily. This is both our Lenten obligation and formation. The promise of God is that, when we draw closer to God, God draws closer to us, embracing, receiving, welcoming, including all of us into His/Her realm.

A year ago, in March 2020, was the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic, which changed the lives of people all over the world. Since then, we have faced drastic changes including social distancing, donning of facial masks, practicing intrusive isolations, and resorting to virtual forms of communication and connection (i.e. Zoom) to maintain the 'new normal' in the midst of these sweeping novel changes in our lives.

A year late, by March 2021, more than five hundred thousand souls—our loved ones, friends, relatives, and neighbors...have perished in the U.S. alone. As we mourn their loss, we thank God and those angels of science and clinical research for the discovery of three vaccines that are authorized and available for public use today. Certainly there is light at the end of the tunnel, although uncertainty remains as to when our lives will become normal again.

For us as a Church, this Season of Lent is to remind us, encourage us, and inspire us to spend more time in self-reflection, self-denial and self-evaluation. These are great opportunities for all of us to take a holy pause for forty days, so that we can make progress in our spiritual growth, and focus even more on doing God's will in our lives, even in the midst of a pandemic and all the challenges that seemingly enshrouds us, though not engulfs us.

Let us not become weary or become merely ritualistic in observing and practicing this Lenten Spirituality. Let us intentionally practice alms giving, prayer and fasting, along with meditating on Scripture, and sharing the good works of Christ's Sacrificial Love towards humans who are in great needs around us.

As we anticipate the culmination of our penitential observance of Lent with Holy Week, The Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus, the Joyful Celebration of Resurrection, let us become a community of Easter!

We hope against hopelessness. With God's help we have survived these past twelve months of pandemic, its challenges and the loss of lives. We are more than conquerors. We are overcomers. We are Resurrection!



MARCH

- 3/7 **Lent 3**
- 3/14 **Lent 4** *DST begins*
- 3/18 **Healing Service 7pm**
- 3/21 **Lent 5**
3/25 The Annunciation
- 3/28 **Palm Sunday**

APRIL

- 4/1 **Maundy Thursday 7pm**
- 4/2 **Good Friday 12noon-3pm**
- 4/3 **Holy Saturday 10am**
- 4/4 **Easter Sunday**
- 4/11, 18, 25, **Sundays of Easter**

MAY

- 5/2, 9, **Sundays of Easter**
5/9 Mother's Day
5/13 Ascension Day
- 5/16 **Sun after Ascension Day**
- 5/23 **Day of Pentecost**
- 5/30 **Trinity Sunday**
5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 5/31 **Memorial Day**

Let us keep on striving, and press forward in our Holy Lenten Observance and Spiritual Formation. Let us live and embody Christ's Resurrection!



Blessings,

The Rev. A.J. Manuel



Upcoming Vestry meetings

- Mon, March 15, 5pm Zoom
- Mon, April 19, 5pm Zoom
- Mon, May 17, 5pm Zoom

ADULT STUDY

Weekly Scripture Study, Wednesdays, 10am

Fr. Manuel leads our discussion through the Gospel for the following Sunday during the one hour session. It will include reading, listening, and sharing.

Scripture readings can be found at:

- www.resurrectionwillistonpark.org,
- scroll down to *Preparing for Sunday*
- Open and Read
- Zoom in
- Meeting ID: **872 7594 4013**
- Passcode: **786680**
- Dial by your location:
- **+1 646 876 9923 US**



FOOD COLLECTION

for **St. George's Episcopal Church
Food Pantry, Hempstead.**

Hunger never goes away.

Patty is here M, W, Th 9-1; Tu, F 9-12

*You may drop off non perishable food
anytime the Office is open.*

Parish Administrator: Patricia Hayes

Organist: Ellen Schutt

Rise & Shine Editor: Jane Colgrove

Vestry:

Jane Colgrove, Warden;

Mary Pat Gannon, Warden, Treasurer;

Sharron Friedlander, **Michael Lindgren,**

Annemarie McQuilly, Daniel Mohun,

Paul Servinskas, Fritz Weinrich,

Liz Weinrich. Clerk: Pat Calvert



VESTRY VIBES



December 14, 2021

- Checking Account balance as of 11-30-20 is \$71,244.15.
- Investment interest at \$6,500 to \$7,000 and doing well but can't predict future.
- 2021 Diocesan Pledge: Sharron moved to send **\$14,040**, representing **\$1,170** a month. Jane seconded the motion. Approved.
- Baby Grand Piano carefully placed in Sanctuary. David, the mover, offered to sell and install a 6" high platform on wheels to stabilize the piano for about \$400. Approved.
- 3 openings for Vestry—Fr. AJM speaking with new parishioners for interested participants.
- 27 pledge units received to date for total of \$57,476.
- Dec. 19 Zoom "**Home Visits**" with Father Manuel 5:30 to 7:00pm
- Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve** Worship via Zoom at 8:00pm.
At 10:00am, volunteers will arrange poinsettias.
- Dec. 31 **New Year's Eve** Blessings for the New Year. 10:30pm Zoom.
- Xmas Bonuses: agreed for PA, organist, & Cleaner.

January 18, 2021

- Income/Expense Comparison report (1/1/20-12/31/20) suggested building a budget for 2021 based on this report; will prepare updated written reports every quarter for the vestry. Approved.
- Fr. AJM offered the names of 2 parishioners interested in running for Vestry – Annemarie McQuilly and Daniel Mohun.
- The 1935 piano was recently tuned for \$150. It is in excellent condition and recommended a professional cleaning this summer for a cost of approx. \$240.
- Jane proposed to call the treasurer as finance warden. Sharron moved to have the treasurer become finance warden to fulfill the requirements of the diocese to have a 'Jr. Warden'. Jane seconded the motion. Approved.
- Proposed hiring a part-time sexton/handyman to be on hand for small repairs, maintenance, opening & closing the church, etc. It was agreed a job description would be developed. Approved.

February 15, 2021

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YES/AND

For it is the God who said,

"Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6



We were lying on the bed upstairs. It was time for William's nap, and naturally, like any two year old, he was resistant. When he finally snuggled down, his face inches from mine, I crooned, "William, it's time to sleep. I'm going to close my eyes - you close your eyes too."

A few seconds later, I peeked. His large eyes were just gazing at me. I opened mine and gazed back. It was one of those breathtaking moments of silent closeness, of really seeing, of being locked into each other. I felt the unbelievable surety that this child embodied God and love.

Then he reached out, touched my cheek and giggled.

He slept; the day evolved; the pandemic separated us, but I can recall that moment so clearly. It was looking into pure love, absolute trust, and total acceptance. And, it has sustained me. It is what I "see" when I hear our readings of God calling Jesus "Beloved."

Today, we see so many eyes. Masks have accentuated them. We rely on our eyes to convey emotions: the smile, the twinkling, the raised eyebrows of surprise. Adages like "Eyes are the windows...eyes are the mirror of the soul" become potently true.

Our eyes shine out our love, our thanks for the small gestures of human kindness we now treasure: a door held open, a bobbing nod from a fellow walker, a silent glance met and acknowledged.

We recognize that despite separation we can be seen. Please stop and think about that.

And if we can be seen by other humans, then...it follows that we humans despite our temporal separate reality are always seen, known and loved by God.

Yes, we are still in the darkness of pandemic, of racism, of ego.

And, we can pierce that darkness with soul-lit eyes of recognition. Like my dear grandson William, in knowing and accepting our status as beloved children, we are strengthened, guided and enabled to share - literally, to shine God's glory to those we meet!

Dia duit! ("God to you" in Irish.)

A blessed Lent and a Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all.

Mary Pat



Birthdays

MARCH

6 Irene Genovese
13 Meri Halem
25 Denis Velez



APRIL

4 Paul Servinkas

MAY

2 James Robinson
7 Joan Servinkas
11 John Gutkes
23 Linda Bernhardt

Anniversaries

MARCH

1 Glenn & Cynthia Igloria
6 Daniel & Nalini Mohun

APRIL

24 John & Audrey Gutkes



MAY

1 Paul & Joan Servinkas
11 Wenifredo & Dimna Igloria

VESTRY VIBES *(Continued from page 2)*

February 15, 2021

- Father Manuel welcomed new vestry members and thanked those who retired, for their dedication and service.
- Each member introduced him/her self.
- Mary Pat reviewed the financial report listing comparisons of revenue & expenses for 2019-2020. She will prepare a comparison for March/April, 2020-2021 and each subsequent quarter.
- Windows and air conditioners will be replaced in the Rectory. The Undercroft, Narthex & Thrift Shop will be examined for leaks and repairs or replacements, including the fire doors.
- We do not know when the Thrift Shop will open again; ability to hold the Penny Social in 2021 is doubtful.
- We reviewed a printed job description for a Sexton. It may be difficult to find someone who meets the qualifications and is interested. Mary Pat & Paul offered to amend the job description. Michael suggested looking for a person of faith and/or a recent retiree.

Jfc/pc

Sunday Worship ZOOM Skeleton Crew

Thank you for
joining us !



Father Manuel

We are here
to serve God
and you !



David



Ellen

From the library
today—44 degrees in
the Church !



Jane



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