



THE LAMPLIGHTER

APRIL 2020

LOOKING AHEAD

April

- 5th Palm Sunday
- 9th Maundy Thursday
- 10th Good Friday
- 11th Holy Saturday
- 12th Easter Sunday
- 22nd Earth Day

May

(Tentative Dates)

- 7th Council/Trustee/ Board Meetings
- 13th AARP
- 15th Pack Night
- 16th Sacred Site Open House
- 21st Ascension Thursday
- 25th Memorial Day
- 31st Pentecost Sunday



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April Birthdays



13 th	Helen Latella
17 th	Sam Colucci
20 th	Bonnie Rogers
25 th	Cynthia Wambold
26 th	Samantha Myers
27 th	Christopher Maule

Coffee Hour



Suspended

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From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Greetings,

MAX LUCADO, in his book, *Six Hours One Friday*, tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe was in need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily.

A hospital was not too terribly far away—across the river, but the Indians would not cross it because they believed it was inhabited by evil spirits. To enter the water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. They were not impressed. He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still wouldn't go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It didn't matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river, swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. He punched a triumphant fist into the air. He had entered the water and escaped. It was then that the Indians broke out into a cheer and followed him across.

That's exactly what Jesus did! He told the people of His day that they need not fear the river of death, but they wouldn't believe. He touched a dead boy and called him back to life. They still didn't believe. He whispered life into the body of a dead girl and got the same result. He let a dead man spend 4 days in a tomb and then called him out and the people still didn't believe Him. Finally, He entered the river of death, Himself and came out on the other side. No wonder we celebrate the Resurrection!

During this Covid 19 pandemic pandemonium, I'm praying for you that you do not lose hope. Do not lose hope in the Government, do not lose hope in the medical community, do not lose hope in the close quarters or far distances of family members- but most of all do not lose hope in God!

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Please take this time of social exile to draw close to your God by reading your Bibles, calling those in our congregation that are alone and maybe feeling the plague of abandonment, attend Tuesday evening Bible Study and Sunday Services right from the comfort of your own living rooms and please remember one another in prayer daily- because we all need prayer that our faith will not grow weak.

With this in mind, I'd like to invite you and your family members and friends to celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry this Sunday April 5th and the Resurrection on Sunday April 12th at 10:00 AM. Diane Pillarella has graciously volunteered to play for us all the way from Delaware. We are using a zoom platform and you can either access it on your computer, or by calling in. Here is the information to join Sunday mornings at 10:

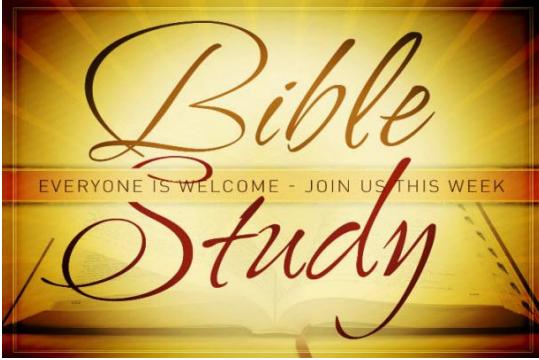
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<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Or you can CALL IN FROM YOUR PHONE (If you are in New York) to this number:
1-929-436- 2866 from New York and put in our meeting ID is 828 050 1006

Resurrection Blessings to You and Your Families,
Pastor Charlie

Bible Studies



The Sunday School series is suspended for the time being.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30. (THIS

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Mark Your Calendars

Flea Market

Our Arts & Crafts Flea Market has been tentatively moved to Saturday, June 6th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Come out to shop or have lunch. See Sam Colucci if you would like to rent a table.



Congregational Meeting

The date will be determined. We will also be approving the 2020 Budget at this time.



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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5 Palm Sunday Church Service via zoom 10:00	6	7 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Church Service via zoom 10:00	13	14 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	15	16	17	18
19 Church Service via zoom 10:00	20	21 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26 Church Service via zoom 10:00	27	28 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	29	30		

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2020. A flower chart is on the bulletin board at the back of the Church Hall. Sign up on a Sunday. The price is \$25. Please indicate whether or not

you are going to take your flowers or if they should go to a shut-in.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

Information for the May Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, April 24th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

Need to talk? Want spiritual counsel? Have an emergency? If so, you can reach Pastor Charlie through the Church office from Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at 718-448-1584. If you have an urgent matter off-hours, call Charlie's cell phone: 718-290-3726. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will reply. He is usually off on Friday; however, if you have a need, he is always available- any time, day or night. Please don't hesitate to call him!

How you can help the Hungry and Homeless:

Help Re-stock Food Pantries: non-perishable boxed or canned food items are needed: canned meat, tuna, vegetables, and fruits, rice and instant potatoes, tomato sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned and instant soups, peanut butter and jellies, baby foods and disposable diapers. No glass jars, please. When you come to Church on Sundays, you can place donations in our Food Basket. Thank you all for sharing.

FYI – Richmond Senior Services has relocated to 729 Delafield Avenue, between Clove Road and Taylor Street.

Prayer List

Please keep the following:

Health Issues:

Baldini Family
Laney Dahl
Carina DeGiulio
Karen McCarthy
Jason Proceszyn
Jan Wiggin
Alan Yurich

Serving our Country:

Matthew Ciccone, USMC
Grand-nephew of Ann Holland

Shut-Ins:

Ethel Thomas

in your prayers!!!

If you would like to be on the Prayer List or would like to add someone, please call Gina in the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

