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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am

“Father,
into your hands
I commit my spirit”
LUKE 23:46

April

APRIL 2025



April Fools' Day
 This is the day upon which we are
 reminded of what we are on the other
 three hundred and sixty-four.
 ~Mark Twain

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lenten Series Sayreville United Methodist Church 6:30pm	3	4 3pm Pathway to Success	5
6 5th Sunday of Lent 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion	7 6pm Scouts	8	9 Lenten Series Grace Lutheran Church 6:30pm	10	11 3pm Pathway to Success	12
13 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Children's Palm Sunday Program	14 6pm Scouts	15 Food Delivery	16	17 Maundy Thursday at Sayreville United Methodist	18 Good Friday at Grace Lutheran	19
20 Easter 10:30am Worship	21 office Closed	22 8am Open Door Articles due	23	24	25 3pm Pathway to Success	26
27 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	28 6pm Scouts	29	30	31		

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PAVERS

We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front.

Want one? Complete a form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers will be placed in the fall.




Prayers for Our Homebound
Members & Friends

Barbara Ballo, 28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield, Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave, Apt 316, Edison, NJ 08837

Carla Ring, 1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ 08753

Deborah Sargeant Sr., 3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman
TREASURER - Christine Vella
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2025

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Elaine Lopez
Lori Ryan	Molly Solanki
1 from session	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION
(Responsible for governing our church affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
Madhu Solanki	Christina Vella
Larry Wallace	

YOUR DEACONS
(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)

Michelle Herman	Betty Pinella
Lori Ryan	George Schaefer
Joyce Solanki	



April Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- Apr. 3 Ervant Mansfield*
- Apr. 6 Jean Greene*
- Apr. 9 Jill Berwick*
- Apr. 9 Shirley Weaver*
- Apr. 11 Angie Vella*
- Apr. 26 Norma Moretti*
- Apr. 29 Anna Lauro*



Wishing a very Happy 100th Birthday to our dear friend, Ervant Mansfield!

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91

Scouts Fish Dinner - May 6
4:45 pm - 6:45 pm
Drive thru/Take out Only
Tickets are \$17



All tickets must be purchased in advance.

To purchase tickets, please see Ruth or call Dan Sibal at 732-899-6074. You can pay with cash or a check to "The Camp Dill Foundation."



Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for **C.V.B.S.**
July 14- 18, 2025
9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church,
Lourdes Center in Parlin

Closing Program is Friday, July 18, 2025 @ 7pm

Sunday School

The Children's Palm Sunday program will be on April 13, 2025 during the worship service.
~ Miss Shirley



Save The Date

SPEAKER CRAIG J. COUGHLIN'S

MON

**21
JULY**

BOWL FOR HUNGER

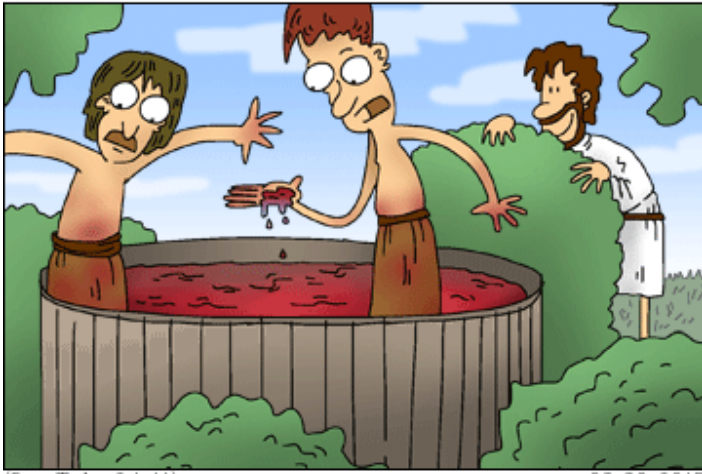


INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Thank you for paying attention to my complaining about not receiving any used ink cartridges last month. This month we received 19 used ink cartridges. I brought them to Staples and we received \$38.00 in rewards that we will be able to deduct from our next bill. Please keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU.

God is good and supplies all our needs.

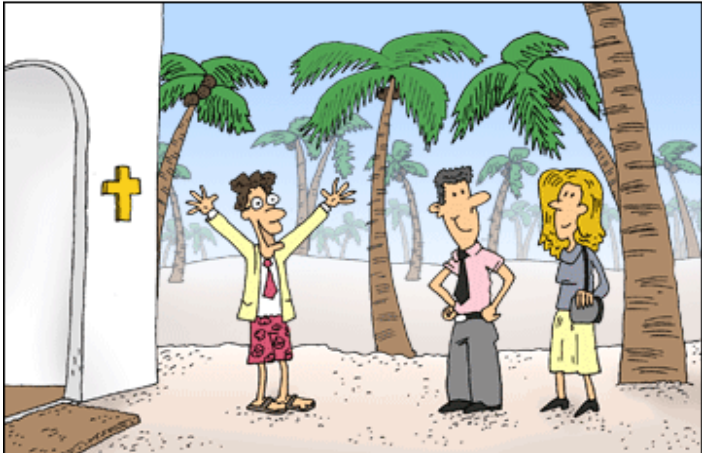
Elaine Lopez



(See John 2:1-11) 03-30-2015

THE WATER TO WINE MIRACLE ALSO MADE FOR AN EXCELLENT APRIL FOOLS DAY PRANK

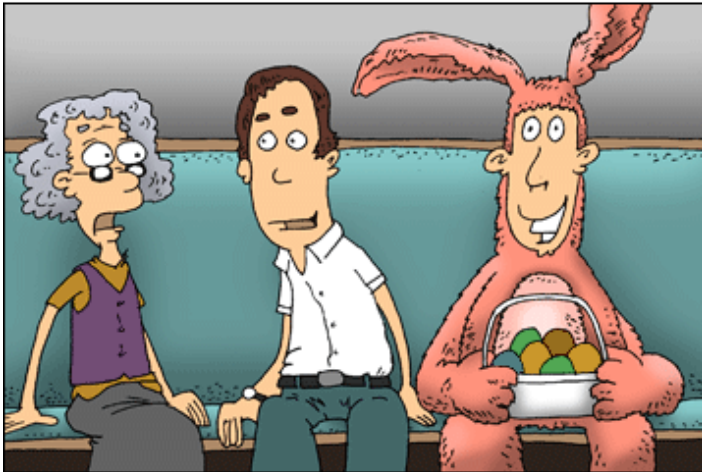
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ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

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04-22-2011

YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER

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The Community Ash Wednesday Service hosted at Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin was a beautiful gathering of faith and community. Members of Messiah and Grace Lutheran, Trinity and Sayreville Methodist, and First Presbyterian South Amboy came together in worship.



The weekly Lenten fellowship and devotional series we have been doing with other local churches has been going really well. Pictured above are the first one at Grace Lutheran in Perth Amboy and the second at Messiah Lutheran in Parlin.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Series
Say. United Methodist
April 2, at 6:30pm



Lenten Series
Grace Lutheran
April 9, at 6:30pm



Palm Sunday
Children's Program
April 13, during service



Maundy Thursday Service
April 17
Say. United Methodist



Good Friday Service
April 18
Grace Lutheran



Easter Sunday Service
April 20, at 10:30 am



Deacons' Monthly Update

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you and be your loving guide.

Any member (within the South Amboy area) who cannot make it to church on the 1st Sunday for communion, due to illness or injury, can call the church and leave a message on the Friday before (Apr 4) and someone will make arrangements to bring you the communion during the following week.



The deacons invite all to attend our Easter Luncheon on Palm Sunday after service.

Next deacon's meeting is Sat. April 12 at 1:00pm.

~Betty Pinella

Easter 2025

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Our Deacons table at the St. Patrick's Day Parade



The
Season of Lent

Join us each
Wednesday
6 PM Simple Supper
7 PM Devotional Study

March 26: Trinity Methodist
April 2: Sayreville Methodist
April 9: Grace Lutheran (new location)




The Board of Deacons
 Welcome you to their
**Annual
 Easter Luncheon
 on Palm Sunday
 April 13th**
 following worship.

Kindness
 MATTERS



Spring Is Here!

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." -Anne Bradstreet

"When one flower blooms, spring awakens everywhere." -John O'Donohue

"Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again."
 -Gustav Mahler

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." -Virgil A. Kraft

"A flower blossoms for its own joy." -Oscar Wilde

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."
 -Algernon Charles Swinburne

"The objective of cleaning is not just to clean, but to feel happiness living within that environment."
 -Marie Kondo

"Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Lower the bar. Actually spending ten minutes clearing off one shelf is better than fantasizing about spending a weekend cleaning out the basement." -Gretchen Rubin


"Life is denied by lack of attention, whether it be to cleaning windows or trying to write a masterpiece."
 -Nadia Boulanger

Submitted by Molly Solanki

South Amboy Knights of Columbus are having a special Lent Supper of soup & pasta on Friday April 4th, starting at 5:30pm. \$12 a person, kids free.

Christ Church South Amboy is having an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Adults \$30, Children 6-12yrs \$10, 5yrs and younger are free. Wear your best hat!

*It stands for hope
 Easter stands for hope in your life
 Easter stands for love in your heart
 Easter is such a graceful part
 Easter stands for peace and will
 Easter stands for celebration in life
 This Easter as you pray to Almighty
 Also ask for happiness in your life
 With the bright colors of the eggs
 With that vibrant spirit
 Easter is such a good time,
 Wishing you a Happy Easter!*



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Pastor John was unable to contribute this month due to the birth of his son. He sends his thanks to everyone for their prayers and support. Please continue to keep our Pastor and his family in your prayers.

Baby Shower

We had a beautiful baby shower for Pastor John and his wife Ashley on March 9th after the worship service.

