

From your Deacon...

I don't know about you, but the weather has a power over me, sometimes in a good way and sometimes, well let's just call it "not so good". It affects my mood, my activities, what I eat, how effectively I work, even my prayer life – oh, and of course, my hair.

It's officially Spring and you know how that works in New York. One day it feels Spring-like, almost a hint of Summer. Then the temperature drops and the 45 degrees that a month ago felt warm, now seems bitter cold. Oh, wow, there's a little sleet! Then another warm day, then a plunge to freezing again.

My Lent has been a bit like the weather. I have days, sometimes a few in a row, where I'm really working it and following the disciplines I planned. Then there's those other days, those spiritually freezing days, where it seems difficult to even pray. It's been a wintery mix for sure.

And sometimes I have to wonder and ask myself "who's in charge here?" Now, of course, we all know who's really in charge, but we're kind of the "floor manager" of our day-to-day operations, right?

I think it may be as simple as recognizing what it is, what it really is, that's rattling us. It could be some serious things like family issues, health, or financial problems. And it could be as simple as the weather. We all know there are things we can control and things we can't control. We can sort all this out by taking everything to God, making that connection, and drawing strength from it.

And dress in layers and bring an umbrella because... well, you know, it's Spring!

Deacon Denise

TODAY AFTER CHURCH!

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Bring your coffee and grab a seat near the front of the church for a roundtable discussion with the preacher about the sermon. This will be a time when you can ask questions, give feedback, and in general, help us all to deepen the conversation that the sermon has only just begun.

FREEING JESUS BOOK DISCUSSION – Thursday, March 7

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our Lenten Book Discussion on *Freeing Jesus* continues in the Parish House (and also on Zoom). The Rev. Dr. Nate Lee will lead this week's discussion on chapter 5, "Jesus as the Way." All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. Email the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee at nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org with any questions.

FAMILY FRIDAY – Friday, April 8

Parents and children of all ages are invited to Family Friday on April 8 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. We'll gather in the Assembly Hall for a family friendly service project, pizza dinner, and creation of a 'Hosanna' banner for Palm Sunday, April 10. After the banner is complete, we'll head down to the church for a scavenger hunt with prizes!

One of our teen acolytes will carry the banner in the Palm Sunday procession, in which all children are invited to participate. We'll have extra big palms for them to wave in this year's procession! Email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org to RSVP for Family Friday.

PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN RELIEF

Next Sunday we will take up a special collection for Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), which is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed items for Ukrainian refugees. You can donate by cash or check next Sunday. You can also donate online at episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis.

EASTER DONATIONS AND DECORATIONS

On Easter Sunday, the church will be adorned with beautiful flowers, and we will enjoy enhanced music through your generous donations to remember and honor your loved ones. Use the “Easter Flowers and Music” donation form tucked inside this leaflet to make a donation by cash or check. Donations received by **Palm Sunday, April 10**, will be recognized in the Easter Sunday leaflet.

We will decorate the church with flowers on the afternoon of **Good Friday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m.** Many hands make light work! Please join us in placing beautiful spring flowers throughout the sanctuary for Easter and then enjoy some light refreshments.

SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH EASTER LUNCHEON – Easter Day, April 17

The Easter Luncheon will be held in a private room at Slattery’s Midtown Pub on East 36th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues. The buffet menu includes Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Beef Tips in a Burgundy Sauce, sides and dessert. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. There is also a cash bar.

To make a reservation, contact Thomas Reefer, Parish Administrator, at treefer@churchoftheincarnation.org or 212-689-6350 ext. 2. You can also add your name to the sign-up list in the Narthex near the Usher table.

LENTEN DRIVE FOR BABY SUPPLIES

Throughout Lent, we are collecting baby supplies — diapers, formula, food, wipes, etc. — for Hour Children, an organization that helps incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin their communities. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex and scan the QR code to access Incarnation’s Hour Children Amazon storefront. Purchase from the list of needed supplies online or drop off baby supplies at the church.

EVERY WEEK AT INCARNATION

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the Parish House (and via Zoom) on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. We generally follow the Yale Bible Study program, which offers course materials on select books of the Bible, deepened by insights from Yale Divinity School professors.

Sunday School for Children: During the 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 to 10 depart the service with their teachers for Sunday School in the Parish House. (All teachers have been vaccinated.) They return before the end of worship. See our website, churchoftheincarnation.org, for more information on Children and Family Ministries.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily and organ music.

Thursday Candlelight Communion: Join us each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. for Candlelight Communion, a service of Holy Eucharist that incorporates chant and silence as well as elements of contemporary worship. This service is informal and contemplative, with music led by a Cantor and a brief reflection by one of the clergy. You can also stream this service at youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation.

Daily Office: Services of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline are held via Zoom. To view the weekly schedule, go to churchoftheincarnation.org/worship.

To receive access information for offerings held via Zoom, join our email distribution list by filling out the yellow Connect Card found in your pew or signing up through our website.