



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

Lent: An Intentional Spiritual Training Camp

Jesus spent a significant amount of time preparing Himself for His ministry by a period of fasting, praying, and strengthening Himself against temptation. How will we use the time offered to us in the liturgical season of Lent for our own spiritual training camp? Lent is a time to build up a healthy defense system against sin and temptation. Lent is a time of self-examination and repentance. Lent is a time to meditate on God's holy Word by prayer, fasting, and self-denial. What spiritual training plans will we put into action during Lent. Perhaps we recall spiritual disciplines that helped us in the past. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional. We are called upon to observe a holy Lent. Perhaps we spend a few minutes each day reading and reflecting upon Holy Scripture. Are we trying to live by "bread alone?" We might write a plan for each week of Lent. We are encouraged to be creative whatever our intentional "training" might be. Here are some suggestions:

- **First week:** *I will...* spend time reading and reflecting upon Holy Scripture, perhaps the Psalms or the Gospels.
- **Second week:** *I will...* fast from unhealthy food or drink, and instead infuse my body and soul with things that lead to a healthy life-style.
- **Third week:** *I will...* volunteer and/or support one of our mission outreach ministries, such as: Clothes Closet, Laundry Love, Meals To Go, or another life-giving ministry, such as: Episcopal Relief & Development, Somerset County Food Bank, etc.
- **Fourth week:** *I will...* intentionally memorize a few verses of Holy Scripture by heart.
- **Fifth week:** *I will...* give money, clothes, possessions to the poor.
- **Sixth week:** *I will...* participate in Holy Week liturgies. I will invite a friend, family member or neighbor to St. John's Church.

One last note, and the most important point: *We are not preparing for Good Friday.* We are preparing for Easter. We anticipate living in Christ in the joy of His Resurrection!

See you in Church!

Father Ron



LENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE

*Our Annual **Lenten Brochure** and **Lent For Families** booklets are available.*

***Lent Bags to Go** contain a variety of items: palm cross, a cross pin, a cross necklace, prayer cards, a rubber wrist band, Scripture, and more.*

Parishioners can pick up their "Lent-Bag To Go" anytime after both services, the next time you drop by the Parish Hall.

Stewardship Campaign 2026

We currently have [57 pledges totaling \\$155,444.00](#) of the required \$225,000.00. Contact the Church Office for a pledge card or give online using the symbol on the right.



Why Pledge?

By letting us know your expected contribution, we are better able to set budgets and plan for the following year. Your financial contribution also helps with the operation and maintenance of the church, as well as providing funding to the ministries that are vital to our church and the community. Please consider making a pledge to help us serve our church, our diocese, and our world.

Episcopal Church 101: Saturday, March 7, 10-11am

Come and learn more:

- Worship (why we do what we do)
- History of The Episcopal Church
- Sacraments of the Church
- A tour of the Book of Common Prayer
- A tour of our Church
- And so much more (resources provided)

This class may be for you, if:

- You are just curious
- You are new to St. John's or the Episcopal Church
- You are a long-time member but would like a refresher

Questions? Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.



First Holy Communion Class: Saturday, March 7, 11-Noon

Children will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion during several occasions such as: 7pm Great Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 4), Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 5), or on another Sunday during the 50 days of Easter. Remember that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion ... this is not an Episcopal Table, it is the Lord's Table.

On Saturday, March 7 from 11am until 12noon, class will be held in the Guild Room for children preparing for their First Holy Communion. They must be accompanied by at least one of their parents or an adult sponsor. If your child has recently begun to receive Holy Communion, but has not had instruction, it would be appropriate for them to attend this class too.

Materials will be provided. Certificates will be presented to the children during whichever Easter liturgy your child attends.

Please complete the form below and return it to Father Ron in the Parish Office. The information may also be e-mailed to frronpollock1@verizon.net: *Child's Name; Age; Date of birth, Date & Place of Baptism; Adult who will attend class with the child.*

LENTEN SPIRITUAL PLEDGE

I promise to fulfill as faithfully as I can a Lenten commitment in one or more of the following ways:

- Attend Church all Sundays of Lent and Easter
- Attend one extra weekday Eucharist: (Tues at 7pm or Thurs at 10am)
- Quietly walk the Stations of the Cross in the Church before or after Sunday services
- Attend Lenten Eucharist, breakfast and presentation on Sat, Mar 29 at 9am. Fr. Skillicorn will be our presenter.
- Attend Lenten Evensong on Sunday, April 6 at 5pm at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church in Bound Brook
- Read the Bible for _____ minutes each day
- Meditate _____ minutes each day
- Do a special work of mercy each week

- [] Support one or more of our mission outreach ministries: Laundry Love, Meals To Go, Clothes Closet
- [] My own discipline or program

Signature: _____

Lenten Evensong at Bound Brook Presbyterian Church

Celebrate the Easter season. Come hear the Word sung and read as the St. John’s Choir joins the Bound Brook Presbyterian Choir on March 15 at 5pm. There will be readings, anthems, and prayer. A reception will follow. See you there!

The Sacramental Rite of Confession

The Episcopal Church offers a rite (form) for private confession to a priest. The two forms for Reconciliation of a penitent begin on page 447 in the Prayer Book.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, once said the church needs to remember that its members are not primarily patients to be healed, but sinners to be forgiven. In the First Letter of John we read, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9). Eastern Orthodox Christians sometimes refer to the Sacrament of Confession as “The Kiss of Christ.”

Confession is a place to be open and honest, an opportunity to drop some of the leaden weight of sin from around our necks. The invitation is made to everyone. Our Anglican tradition sums it up in this way: “All may, none must, some should.” Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.

Easter Baptism

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of four Baptismal days in the Church Year. If you or someone you know desires to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Communion Bread—Sunday, March 22

In John 3:33-35, Jesus says: “The bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” The disciples said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!” Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” On Sunday, March 22, the Church School children will gather to bake bread for Holy Communion. *For more information contact Father Ron or the Parish Office.*

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Day, April 5

Donations of candy and pre-stuffed Easter eggs are being accepted after services on March 22 and 29 in the Parish Hall for our annual Easter Egg Hunt held after the 10:15 Easter service. A few volunteers could also be used to assist hiding the eggs Easter morning. In the event of rain, the hunt will be held in the Parish Hall. If you would like to contribute to this fun event, contact Fr. Ron.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

MARCH 29: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am and 10:15 am:

Blessing of the Palms, the Reading of the St. Mark Passion, and Holy Eucharist

MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 1: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7 pm: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

THE TRIDUUM

APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10 am: Holy Eucharist in the Church

7 pm: Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Repose

8:30 pm: Vigil for all parishioners in St. Mary's Chapel (until midnight)
Remember the words of our Lord, "Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?"

APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY

7 am: *Liturgy of the Day and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament*

7 pm: Stations of the Cross

APRIL 4: HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter: Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion

APRIL 5: EASTER DAY

8 am: Holy Eucharist with music

10:15: Festal Choral Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

ABOUT THE TRIDUUM

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week

On **Maundy Thursday** evening we begin the Triduum, the three-days' space that continues through the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday evening. In these three days we recall Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Through Christ we are saved and made free. These are "paschal" services—we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, who is always risen, always present and always loves us through each of these three days' celebration.

The traditional English name for this day is Maundy Thursday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." There are two traditional associations on this day: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the command of our Lord to wash each other's feet (John 13:4-5). The foot-washing ceremony is an ancient practice of the church meant to remind us of our duty to love and serve one another and the world. Jesus taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God comes not by power, authority, or even miracles, but by such lowly service.

After the communion, the altar is stripped of all cloths and ornaments, and the clergy of stoles just as Christ was stripped of his garments. The remaining sacrament is removed from the church and kept in reserve for Good Friday. The Eucharist will not be celebrated again until the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. The service has no dismissal; rather, the church continues to watch and pray throughout the Triduum.

Good Friday is the middle of the Triduum. The name "Good" refers to the old understanding of the word as "pious" or "holy." Today is also known as "Holy Friday" or "Great Friday." The Eucharist is not celebrated on this day.

The Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John has been read at Good Friday services for centuries. It is customary for the congregation to take part in reading the Passion narrative, so

that all may enter into the solemnity of the account of our Lord's suffering and death. The Solemn Collects are based on an ancient form of intercession used since the third century. The initial invitation begins with a paraphrase of John 3:16-18. It is said that this series of collects forms a comprehensive summary of the whole prayer of the Church for the fulfillment of Christ's redemptive work.

The Great Vigil of Easter is observed on Holy Saturday evening. The service culminates in the first Eucharist of Easter when we proclaim and celebrate Christ's victory over death.

The Vigil begins with the lighting of the New Fire. In the Old Testament, God chose fire as a sign of his presence, including the burning bush at Mount Sinai and the pillar of fire in the desert. The kindling of the new fire is, therefore, a vivid image of Christ among us. The paschal candle is lit, and then each person's candle is lit from this same flame.

The great song *Exsultet* is then proclaimed. We listen to readings reminding us of God's work of redemption. Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows lead to the threefold proclamation: "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." The church is filled with light as the *Gloria* is sung and the resurrection story from the Gospel of Matthew is read.

The Vigil comes to its climax with the Holy Eucharist. Through baptism we are made sharers in the saving death and resurrection of Christ. As baptized members of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist, the holy meal to which Christ invites his people.

Easter Vigil Dinner

If you're wondering where to go to eat after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 (the service is from 7 pm to about 8:15 pm), you are welcome to stay at St. John's. A delightful Early Easter dinner, prepared by Chef Kir, will be presented in the Parish Hall that evening, starting at 8:30 pm.

The menu is simple: crudites with hummus to start; a main course of leg of lamb D'Auvergne, with potato cheese casserole and vegetable melange; dessert will be vanilla and cinnamon bread pudding with whipped cream. BYOB (although there may be a few bottles of wine donated). Cost is \$12/adult, \$5/teen or child (this is to defray the cost of the food - any funds left over will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund). Deadline to RSVP for the dinner is **Sunday, March 29** (we start shopping on Monday).

Also, we do need a little help: set-up; serving; clean-up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church so you can tell us who is coming and who is helping.

Gutes Essen!

Easter Flowers and Music

Flowers and music regularly adorn our worship, especially at Easter, the holiest day of the Christian Year. They remind us visually and aurally that we are here for a celebration of the wonder and glory of God—we're here for a feast!

If you wish to write a check, please mark "FLOWERS" or "MUSIC" in the memo line. Please let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones, and clearly print or type each name or intention. The names may be sent to the Parish Office at 158 West High Street, Somerville, 08876 or emailed to admin@stjohnsomerville.org. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than **Monday, March 30**.



Easter lilies, the flowering of the cross, and other beautiful plants are cherished traditions at St. John's and remind us of the new life and promise of the resurrection.

The flowers and music help the entire community celebrate the joy of the Great Fifty Days of Easter which begins on Easter morning. The feast is foretaste of the Easter promise, where the song of "Alleluia" never ceases.

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Clothes Closet—March 7 and 21

MARCH MADNESS!

Winter clearance sales all around. Please stop by on Saturday March 7 or 21. We are open from 9:00am until noon. Our prices can't be beat. Sales! Sales! Sales on so many of our items!

Our \$1 and \$2 racks are packed with various items for the entire family. We offer a large selection of women's, men's, and children's clothing, shoes, accessories, and so much more!

Our great selection of winter coats are going fast and at such low prices. Our women's plus rack has a lot of new items. Don't pass it by. Lots of reduced prices. Most items are \$1

Our beautiful women's boutique items are specially priced, with most items marked \$5 or less. These are brand new, never been worn in beautiful varieties. Don't pass up our jewelry display, so many items at great prices.

Spring is in the air! Don't pass up our new arrivals, with new items arriving every week.

We are currently accepting Spring items only.

For more information, email clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org, and find us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StJohnsSomerville.

Laundry Love and Lent

For 2026, in recognition of how everything evolves in life depending upon circumstances and capacity, Laundry Love is now meeting at the same location once a month, on the third Thursday from 5 to 6:30 pm. The laundry's new owner has been welcoming and looks forward to working with us throughout the year.

This is a simple ministry. We develop a list of up to 25 people prior to each meeting and then on the given day, provide guests \$10 in quarters and laundry supplies (three laundry pods/sheets and three dryer sheets).



While we are grateful for supply donations, please note that the national Laundry Love organization (which we are a part of) can provide a large box of laundry sheets to us at no charge (and they work really well!). This Lent, we hope that members of our parish family will consider providing donations of \$10-quarter rolls or cash which can be used for quarters. These thoughtful donations will enable the ministry to continue uninterrupted throughout the year while lessening the financial impact of the ministry on St. John's annual budget.

Donations may be left in the Sunday collection basket or given to the parish administrator or Fr. Ron. All check donations should have "Laundry Love donation" in the memo line to ensure they are properly credited.

Your participation on one of the Thursday the ministry meets is also welcomed.



For general questions about the Laundry Love Ministry, call 908-722-1250, or just ask Ed Edwards or Paul Grzella in church, or call Paul on 908-507-8020 or email pgrzella@verizon.net.

Meals to Go

Meals to Go continues to be offered the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9-10 am. If you know someone who would enjoy a meal, stop by the St. John's Parish Hall, use the ramp entrance and bring a bag.

Pantry Items: Thanks to all who have helped us stock up our pantry - and we are always happy to receive additional donations. Our greatest needs this month include: canned beans (such as pintos, black, kidney); rice (2 lb or less packages); pasta and sauce; canned tomatoes; peanut butter; canned fruit - and any other pantry item you wish to donate. You can leave items in the big kitchen. We appreciate your support.

Volunteers Needed: We are seeking a few more people to help us on Saturday mornings - we can work around your availability. All you need is a welcoming spirit and a smile! It's a small time commitment that pays big dividends in the community.

For more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please contact [Christine Bean](#) or [Father Ron](#). *We are grateful for your financial donations to support the ministry. Any amount is very much appreciated—a few dollars, combined with that of others, will go a long way to serving our customers. If you wish to donate online, go to [Meals-to-Go](#) on the dropdown menu at www.stjohnsomerville.org.*

Episcopal Church Women News

Our next ECW meeting is **Monday, March 2**. Please join us at 7:00pm. in the Church for our Lenten Eucharist. Our meeting will follow in the Parish Hall.

Our Lenten Breakfast is Saturday, March 14. Please join us for Holy Eucharist at 9:00am in the church. We will then gather in the Parish Hall for Breakfast, which Jon Anobile has graciously offered to prepare for us. Our Guest Speaker will be Reverend Mother Joyce. The sign-up sheet is posted on the ECW bulletin board and also on the ECW table in the Parish Hall.

It's almost Tea Time! Please check out our Spring Tea flyer posted on the ECW bulletin and the ECW table in the Parish Hall. Tickets should be available soon, but you can reserve yours now. April 25 tarting at 2pm.

We continue to accept socks for women, men and children to distribute to those in need in the community. We are also accepting diapers for newborns, toddlers, and adult and well as women's hygiene products. All donation boxes are located on the stage in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Hope to see you then.

Please contact Linda Willared, President at nolaandboogie@aol.com or Paula Windus, Vice President at paulawindus@verizon.net with any questions.

Loose Change Sunday: First Sunday of every month



Our next scheduled date is **Sunday, March 1**. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock bag) filled with loose change to church and put it in the designated baskets in the Narthex (front door area of church) or on the little table by the side door that leads to the Parish Hall. Or, simply put whatever loose change you may have into the alms basin. This money will be placed into the Discretionary Fund and used to answer the needs of the many who reach out to St. John's for assistance.

Altar Guild Invitations for you to consider

Sunday Flowers

Do you wish to honor or recognize a loved one? A lovely way is to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. Prominently placed next to the altar for both Sunday services, names are listed in the weekly worship bulletin and Good News, and included in the Prayers of the People. Many Sundays are available—contact Dana Keefer (dzkeefe@yahoo.com) to reserve a Sunday or for more information. Weekly flowers are only \$75. Checks need to have flowers indicated on the memo line.

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: MARCH 2026

BIRTHDAYS

1. James Edwards, Jay Billy
3. Madeleine Brodsky
5. Anthony Mandraccia
6. Maitland Halsted
8. Kevin McNamara
9. Susan LaMastro, Matthew Mullen, Sean Spolarich, Reed Bekir
11. George Mullen, Karen Wickham, Alexander Nawrath, Kevin Kelly
12. Ann Spolarich
13. Toni Marchick, Tim Walsh
14. Nicholas Loften, Christine Lo Mauro, Daniel Conceicao
15. Caroline Marie Halsted
16. Katherine Silkin
19. Kenneth Bowden, Alexander Brock, Porfirio Gaitan, Brandon Tardiff, Aaron Szumigala, Jessica Matyas, Madison Chudy, Chris Wawrzyniak, Randy Rokisky
20. Mori Marshall
21. Michael Polito, Matt Fleming
22. Mia Connors, Katelynn Neff
23. Gary Boyer, Courtney Stone
24. Alicia Gilmartin
27. Gregory Sorace

28. Stephanie Daugherty, Vivian Ellis, William Hoffman, Marc Brodsky, Ethan Gilroy, Kelly Hamer
29. Matthew Spolarich, Ava Maria Tiano-Hernandez, Luke Robinson
30. Noah Harris
31. Paul Foreman, Peggy Scott

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Michael & Joanne Polito
6. Ken & Tracey Miller
21. Bryan & Jennifer Paladini

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

3. J. Clyde Conger, Jane Flinn
4. The Rev. Hollis S. Smith
5. Dominick A. Perrone
6. Jane Flinn, Deborah Kurzawa
7. Jennie B. Masker
13. Clara Follo
16. Nellie Peters
18. Jarvis H. Histed, Jr.
20. Ethel Snyder,
21. Dr. Ronald J. Pollock
22. Jean Ostrowski
25. Elizabeth Redwood, Marianne Jalali, Ronald G. Leese
26. Gloria Scheffler, Charles Reynolds
27. Nickolas Sammartano

March 2026

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1 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday	2 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW Eucharist followed by meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	3 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	4	5 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:30pm, Choir	6 Fr. Ron's Day off	7 9am, Meals to Go 9am, Clothes Closet 10am Episcopal Church 101 Class 11am First Holy Communion Class
8 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Daylight savings begins	9 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	10 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	11 7pm, Vestry	12 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:30pm, Choir	13 Fr. Ron's Day off	14 9am, ECW Lenten Breakfast
15 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 5pm Evensong at Bound Brook Presbyterian	16 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	17 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	18	19 10am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5pm, Laundry Love 7:30pm, Choir	20 Fr. Ron's Day off	21 9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet
22 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	23 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	24 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	25 The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary	26 NO 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:30pm, Choir	27 Fr. Ron's Day off	28
29 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8 & 10:15, Eucharist	30 Monday in Holy Week 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Mtg 7pm, Holy Eucharist (Church) 8pm, AA Meeting	31 Tuesday in Holy Week 7pm, Holy Eucharist (Church)				

April 2025

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			1 <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 7pm, Holy Eucharist (Church)	2 <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7pm Holy Eucharist 8:30pm Vigil (Chapel)	3 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> 7am Holy Eucharist 7pm Stations of the Cross	4 <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> 9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet 7pm Great Easter Vigil 8:15pm Lamb Dinner
5 <i>EASTER DAY</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <i>Loose Change Sunday</i>	6 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW 8pm, AA Meeting	7 <i>NO</i> 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	8 7pm Vestry	9 <i>NO</i> 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:30pm, Choir	10 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	11
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Tim Walsh, Vestry

Liz Eisinger, Vestry

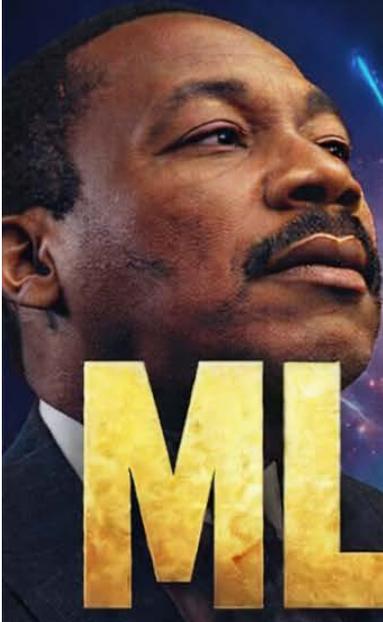
Anthony Pinto, Vestry

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CHRISTIAN CLERGY MINISTRY ASSOCIATION



MLK DAY

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

“THE POWER OF UNITY”

MAKE-UP SERVICE DUE TO WEATHER

PASTOR
Postor Lorenzo Flemmings
GUEST PREACHER

3:00 PM
SUNDAY
MARCH 1, 2026

PASTOR
REGINALD WILLIAMS (HOST PASTOR)

HOST CHURCH: REDEMPTION MINISTRIES
319 WINDSOR STREET, BOUND BROOK NEW JERSEY