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Easter at St. Luke's

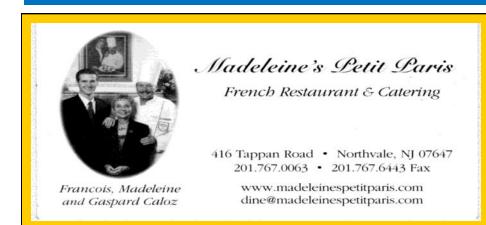


We are extremely grateful to the Rev. Fletcher Harper, who returned to St. Luke's sanctuary for our services on Palm Sunday, during Holy Week and, as shown above, on Easter. Sunday. Many thanks to Tamera Lynch for taking the photos! Click below to see more shots on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/StLukesEpi</u> <u>scopalHaworth/</u>

Annual Fish 'n' Chips Dinner at St. Paul's/Montvale!



For the third year in a row, a group of St. Luke's parishioners carpooled to Montvale for St. Paul's Annual Fish & Chips Dinner. Parishioners from all District 9 Churches were invited and it was nice to see old friends and meet new ones. Catered by Tastefully British, the food was super fresh and fantastic as always, (complete with the traditional malt vinegar for the chips) and we played at being the last of the big spenders with chances on the fundraising raffles. No, we did not win, but we sure had fun. Thanks to the Rev. Ed Hasse III and his cool congregants for inviting us again!



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GOOD NEWS!

We are DELIGHTED to report that our District 9 joint fundraiser during Lent to benefit the school in the U.S. Virgin Islands that was devastated by Hurricane Maria exceeded the \$5,000 goal! There are still a couple of checks to be sent but St. Luke's should be pleased to know that our individual parishioners donated more than \$600 and the ECW generously sent a bonus check of \$500. Well done, good and faithful servants!

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For more Easter photos, turn to Page 6

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!



We all love our coffee. Or tea. Or whatever beverage. The fellowship is great. So sign up in the Parish Hall to host! Don't want to do it alone? Ask another parishioner to be a partner and help! **ST. JOHANN PRESS** 315 Schraalenburgh Road Haworth, NJ 07641

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When it comes to Easter, many people, even long-professed Christians, get stuck on the "what." What happened? The classic Christian answer is that Jesus rose from the dead. The query continues – with "how" questions mixed in with the "what." How did that happen? The explanations challenge, if not undermine, everything we know about biology, anatomy, physiology and a host of other established scientific disciplines.

Many years ago I gave up trying to parse out the logistics and physics of the Resurrection – and in faith, which has deepened over the years, I say the Easter gift was new life – for Jesus.

Which then moves me – and us, to the "so what?" So if new life was given to Jesus, the so what is that the Resurrection is a gift extended by God's grace to each one of us. Jesus' new life gives us the possibility – indeed the promise, that we also can receive new life, regardless of the situation or hole and agonizing pit we find ourselves in.

New life is promised. What often happens is that we think that new life necessarily means better life, at least by external metrics. It may become that, but at the very least the new life is a different life – filled with a blessing

and belovedness that we are invited to receive in new and perhaps unexpected ways.

Which then brings us to the "now what?" The "now what?" is perhaps the most important of the three questions, because the impact and power of the Resurrection depends, in large measure, on how we carry it forward. Feed my sheep, Jesus tells Peter (John 21:17). In other words, become agents of the Resurrection. Belief and faith are fine – but the gift of Easter is not fully realized until we begin offering new life to others.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 17 people were killed at Marjorie Stoneham Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. That was a huge, tragic and debilitating "what." There emerged an almost immediate "so what." It exposed yet again the epidemic of gun violence in our country. And millions of kids across the

The "What?" "So what?" "Now what?" of Easter

From the Bishop's Blog, Signs of Grace Posted by Mark Beckwith (April 18, 2018)

country said that their schools were not safe, that stricter guns laws need to be imposed in order to render them more safe. Millions of kids walked out of school for 17 minutes one month later on March 14; and on March 24th hundreds of thousands of students led "marches for our lives" in over 800 cities and towns across the country.

Which leads to a "now what?" The passion and witness needs to continue, because as we know, there are well-funded networks and campaigns which make the specious case that more guns make people safer. They don't. In 1968, there were about 150 million guns in American hands which resulted in about 23,000 deaths per year. In 2016, there were double the number of guns in the country, resulting in 35,000 deaths (each year includes homicides and suicides by guns). The math is clear – more guns produce more deaths.

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Sweet News from the ECW



The ECW will hold a **Mother's Day Bake Sale on Sunday, May 13**. A fundraiser for our Outreach program, the sale will take place following the 10:30 service. Please bake — or buy — your favorite dessert. You can bring it to the Parish Hall that Sunday morning..

All-Parish Progressive Dinner Sat., May 26

The ECW has organized an all-Parish Progressive Dinner on Saturday evening, May 26 and everyone is invited!

We start with the first course at one house, travel to the next for the main course and travel back to St. Luke's where we finish up with dessert. This is a fun way to get to know people in the parish that you may not always speak to on a Sunday morning.

Appetizers will be served at 4 P.M. at the home of Karen Moylan and Chris Emerizy in New Milford.

Jennifer and Chris Plunkett have volunteered to serve dinner starting at 5:30 P.M. at their home in Emerson.



Dessert will be served at St. Luke's rectory at 7:30 P.M.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall so hosts know how much food to serve.

Directions will be given out for each house. We will car pool if someone cannot drive.

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A lot of energy and Easter hope was generated on March 14 and 24. A "now what?" is being proposed for Sunday, June 3. Friday, June 1 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, conceived a couple of years ago by Moms Demand Action. People are invited to wear orange, the color of gun safety. I will be talking to many of our teenagers - who are active in the diocese, about how they might want to shape Sunday, June 3, in their respective congregations. I am inviting clergy and leaders of congregations to engage with kids in their church and/or in their community, and fashion a witness through prayers, sermons or an activity in the community on June 3.

Jesus gives us new life. Let's use it for the health and safety of our communities.

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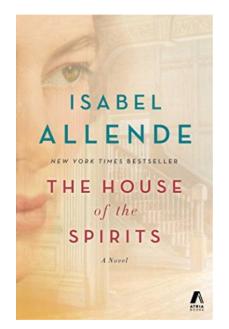
Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

 Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter,
Book of Common Prayer





BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB MEETS Wednesday, May 30



The unforgettable first novel that established Isabel Allende as one of the world's most gifted and imaginative storytellers.

The House of the Spirits brings to life the triumphs and tragedies of three generations of the Trueba family. The patriarch Esteban is a volatile, proud man whose voracious pursuit of political power is tempered only by his love for his delicate wife, Clara, a woman with a mystical connection to the spirit world. When their daughter Blanca embarks on a forbidden love affair in defiance of her implacable father, the result is an unexpected gift to Esteban: his adored granddaughter Alba, a beautiful and strong-willed child who will lead her family and her country into a revolutionary future.

One of the most important novels of the twentieth century, *The House of the Spirits* is an enthralling epic that spans decades and lives, weaving the personal and the political into a universal story of love, magic, and fate.

Suggested Reading

Between the Lines Book Club meets on last Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.

May 30 - The House of the Spirits -Isabel Allende (We'll order pizza!)

June 27-*The Other Einstein* -Marie Bedict (dinner out)

July 25 - All the Missing Girls -Megan Miranda (Chinese)

August 29 - The Handmaid's Tale -Margaret Atwood (dessert-4 people)

September 26 - *Lilac Girls* -Martha Hall Kelly (wine/cheese)

October 24 - Before We Were Yours -Lisa Wingate (potluck supper)

November - No Meeting

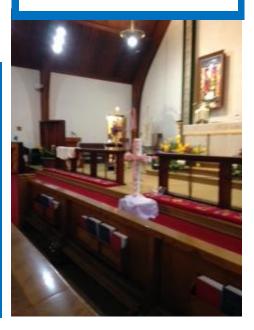
December 5 - Dinner

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23

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To help beautify the church, our youngsters came forward for the traditional flowering of the cross. All pink carnations this year!



May Outreach: "I was hungry, and you gave me food." — By Janet Beddoe

St. Luke's has an important Outreach date coming up this month – Thursday, May 24, when, together with the Church of the Savior/Paramus, we serve our first Walk-in Dinner of the year at Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center at 120 South Street, Hackensack.

We will serve up to 130 hungry guests, many of them homeless and living at the shelter. If you are free that day please consider serving the meal and, if you are not, please consider preparing a dish at home and leaving it earlier at St. Luke's to be taken to the Center.

Why help? Well it's rewarding and it's fun; it's great to meet the guests and also see some of our old friends from the Savior Lutheran Church; above all, we want to make sure we are generous in our giving. Last time we ran out of our entrée and without some emergency help from Tammy and Kay Lynch, we might have had to turn some away. An easy recipe for Beef Stroganoff will be provided along with aluminum pans. We will carpool from St. Luke's to Hackensack so a big thank you to anyone willing to load your car up with food as well as passengers.

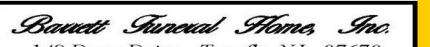
Some important reminders. We meet at St. Luke's at 3 P.M. to arrive at the Center between 3:45 and 4:00 P.M. to serve the meal between 4:45 and 5:50 P.M. We are required by the Health Department to cover our hair while serving: volunteers may wear a baseball cap, bandana or other head covering. We are asked to provide as few choices of food as possible because offering too many choices causes the line to move very slowly and people get agitated toward the end because they fear that food will run out or they will not have enough time to eat. We are asked to be aware of this anxiety when we consider the size of our portions. Upon request only by quests there are frozen vegetarian meals available, but please see the shelter staff if a guest asks.

Duties of staff members include turning on steam tables and warming ovens, making coffee, facilitating the entry of guests, responsibility for the cleanliness of the floor and tables after the meal, and other additional assistance when needed. Just ask!

Volunteers' duties include bringing in the food, placing it in the warming ovens, making iced tea or other beverage, setting tables with salt and pepper, cold cups and pats of butter, slicing desserts and putting on plates. At the end of the meal they should clear the tables, clean kitchen counters, sink area and steam tables, wash pitchers, serving utensils and trays from warming ovens. This is a real team effort and it is a joyful experience. Please join Team St.Luke's/Our Savior and give as you are able!

A program of Family Promise, the Walk-in Dinner marked 25 years of service in March 2016. At that time, the volunteers had served more than 1.1 million meals and saved Bergen County more than \$5.5 million in food. Click to learn more: <u>https://bit.ly/2JOpgV5</u>

Thank you to our April resident and visiting young angels for their amazing work assembling some 45-50 **snack packs** to be distributed to needy young people in local schools via the Center for Food Action. It always takes my breath away to come out of the service to see the pool table — which before was stacked with snack ingredients — now quite clear, the packs neatly assembled in boxes, taken to my car and the cardboard recycling beautifully folded. It's a miracle!



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Parishioners enjoyed a delicious potluck breakfast before the Festival Holy Eucharist service.

Save the Dates

Sunday School

Christian education will be held on Sunday mornings right after our 10:30 service at church. The class is for pre-school through sixth grade.





Next: May 1 & 15 @ 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend as we resume our study of the Psalms.

Vestry Meeting

Next: May 8 @ 7:30 P.M. Anyone is welcome to attend

Worship Committee

Next: Thurs., May 10 @ 7:30 P.M.

CFA Monthly Food

2nd Sundays @ 10:30 A.M. service Next: May 13

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays 6 P.M. Next: May 20

Snack Pack Assembly

4th Sundays @ Noon Next: JUNE

Book Club

Last Wednesdays Next: May 30 See Page 6

For all that has been. For all that is. For all that is yet to be.

We give you thanks, O Lord!

— Dag Hammarskjöld



Visiting Ministry



SUNRISE OF OLD TAPPAN Tuesday, May 1, 2:00 P.M. We will carpool from St. Luke's parking lot at 2:00 P.M. See Maureen Bownes about this rewarding ministry.

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Parish Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:



Edith Biondi, Claudia Smith, Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Marie Romano, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, the family of Stephanie Cash, Patti Kennelly, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Jason Edone, Sue Pastore, Chan Hung-Kwong and his family, Adina and Rachel Kaller, for the repose of Peggy Irwin, Tresten, Carol Maxfield, Michael McCarten. Emily Travis

To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org

Our Prayer List is now reviewed on a monthly basis to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact the office if you wish to keep people on the list for prayers. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones may also be remembered in prayer during the service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our 10:30 Holy Eucharist.

> Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

> > - Hymnal 1982, 178

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 14 Jo & Junius Stephenson
- 20 Diane & David Biesel
- 21 Susan Coleman
- 22 David Astorga
- 23 Maureen Bownes





If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain that he is his also patron of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

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April May 2018 June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTE: Thanks to our Supply Clergy, who are now listed here		1 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 2 PM Visiting Ministry Carpool for Sunrise Senior Living/Old Tappan 7:30 PM Bible Study	2 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	3 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	4 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	5 Cinco De Mayo 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
6 Easter 6 10:30 AM Eucharist Sunday School/ Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Rev. Bob Solon, Celebrant /Preacher 1-5 JDChurch	7 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	8 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church Vestry 7:30 PM	9 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	10 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg Worship Committee 7:30 PM	11 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	12 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
13 Easter 7/Sun After Ascension 10:30 AM Eucharist CFA Food Drive Sunday School/ Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Rev. Bob Solon, Celebrant /Preacher Noon- ECW Mother's Day Bake Sale 1-5 JDChurch	14 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	15 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	16 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	17 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	18 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	19 Armed Forces Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
20 Day of Pentecost	21 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	22 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	23 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	24 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg 3-7 PM Walk-In Dinner/Hackensack	25 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	26 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 4 P.M. All-Parish Progressive Dinner Begins 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
27 Pentecost 1/ Trinity Sunday 10:30 AM Eucharist Sunday School/ Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Clergy Coverage TBD NO Snack Pack Assembly 1-5 JDChurch	28 Memorial Day 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	29 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	30 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg 7:30 PM Book Club with Pizza @ Rectory	31 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	NOTE: Given that the 4 th Sunday falls during Memorial Day Weekend, Snack Pack Assembly will be postponed until June.	

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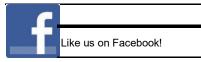
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Healing Service Right After 10:30 Eucharist on 3rd Sundays

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> Please call or message with your need.



Check It Out! Spring — and Eastertide — arrive at St. Luke's in a riot of color aflame with light! See inside, P. 1

