

New Visions

My dear friends of St. Luke's,

As you read this, it's likely to be perhaps the first week of January. Christmas Day will have been behind us, with all of its joy and laughter, and wonder, and awe – and perhaps some stress, too. Perhaps you “got through” it with less than whatever you expected it to be. Or maybe it was indeed as amazing as you had hoped. Because, after all, it's the day that we celebrate that Jesus became human, just like us, so that we could become divine, just like him. Plus, if it's before January 6, it's still Christmas, which is twelve days and nights, and we should rightly be celebrating every day. (Are your decorations still up?) After all, Jesus didn't stop being God when he was born, and he didn't stop being human when he joined the Father at the right hand of the heavenly throne. And so the mystery of Christmas is really two-fold: God became Human, which is awesome enough, right? But Christmas only really has meaning because of Easter, when God-as-Man completed his work of reconciling us back to God, who never really left us in the first place.

There's an excellent prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, appointed as the Collect for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas. We actually only get to pray it about four years out of eight, because not every Christmastide has a Second Sunday. And I always miss



The editors welcome the Rev. Robert F. Solon Jr., our January Guest Celebrant and Preacher, with his message for us.

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Thanks to Our
Guest Clergy for
January!

We are delighted to have
Fr. Bob Solon with us for
the month of January!



Fr. Bob's Message,
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it when, like this year, we skip it. To me, it encapsulates the Incarnation better than just about anything:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isn't that amazing? Because the truth about Christmas is, that which we pray for has already come to pass. We are *already* brought into the Body of Christ — the *divine* Body of Christ — by virtue of the sacrament of Baptism!

And so although we won't pray it together in our public worship

this year, I encourage you to pray it daily up until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

And that brings up that second mystery of Christmas — it looks forward to the great triumph of Easter. Epiphany is both the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and the beginning of the rest of the church year. And there is actually a long tradition in the West regarding Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. It's called the Epiphany Proclamation, and it was originally proclaimed after the Gospel on Epiphany itself. Why? To look forward, of course, to Easter! Christmas is done (or soon will be), and now we turn our attention from the truth of God-as-Human to why God did that in the first place. And I invite you too to

reflect on that as well in the days and weeks of winter coming up.

This year's Epiphany Proclamation is included here on Page 3. I invite you to not only read it, but pray it. It's a traditional part of the liturgy for Epiphany, and we will include it in our worship, too. Perhaps even stick it up on your refrigerator to remind you, even just a little, of what he did on the Twelve Days of Christmas, and what we still look forward to.

May you and yours have a very blessed *Anno Domini* Two Thousand Nineteen!

— Fr. Bob



The Epiphany Proclamation for the Year 2019 A.D.

Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us,
until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,

the *Easter Triduum* of the Lord:

his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,
and his rising celebrated
between the evening of the Eighteenth day of April
and the evening of the Twenty-first day of April.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the Sixth day of March.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the Thirtieth day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the Ninth day of June.

And, this year the *First Sunday of Advent* will be
on the First day of December.

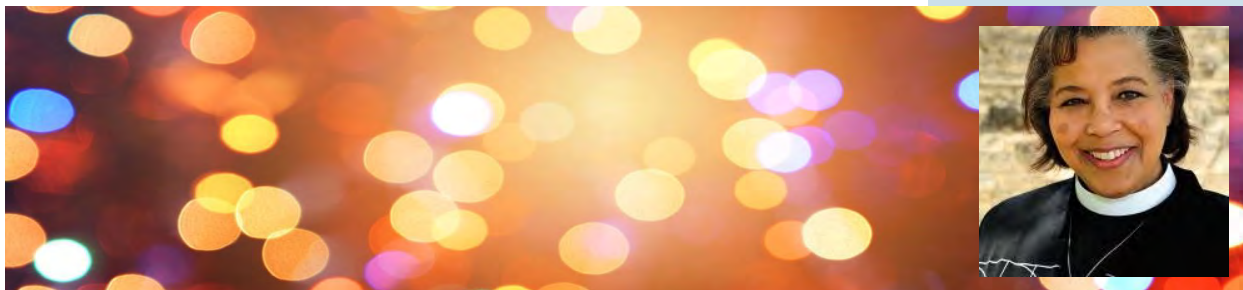
Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

*A*men.

Bishop Carlye's Christmas Message

POSTED BY CARLYE J. HUGHES ON DECEMBER 13, 2018



Dear Companions on the Journey,

Except for the very organized folks, I imagine most of us are in final preparation mode for Christmas celebrations. Each day I picture the people and congregations of our diocese as we move through these final days of Advent to Christmas. I see us wrapped in the magnificent light of Jesus. I will hold this picture-prayer in my spirit as we approach this holy day. I hope that you receive an abundance of Christ's love and mercy this Christmas and share it with another.

I offer this prayer for you and your families:

*May the God's spirit of hope and peace bless your gatherings,
may God's joyful light illumine all hurting places,
may you be a blessing to others,
and may the joy of Christmas move our spirits to deeper relationship
with the Holy One, Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.*

Grace, Peace, and Merry Christmas,

Bishop Carlye



Presiding Bishop's Christmas Video



*** Vlog (noun):** a blog in which the postings are primarily in video form.

*Grace happens.
All the time. Grace is
God's gift to us. The
signs of God's grace are
abundant. Some are
dramatic. Many at first
glance seem mundane.
All are potentially life
transforming.*

*God created us, but God
was not – and is not,
finished with creating.
God keeps showing up.
God is very much at
work. Our job as God's
creatures, is to pay
attention to God's grace.
And to join with God in
God's work.*

Control-click the link at left to see the video of our Presiding Bishop's Christmas message 2018. See Page 5 for the full text.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas message 2018

In the Third Chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus says at one point, "God so loved the world that he gave his only be-
gotten Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

For years, I've often thought that that passage only referred to Jesus giving his life as a sacrifice on the cross. And to be sure, that is part of what it means. But some years ago

I was reading a commentary by Raymond Brown, on the Gospel of John, and Professor Brown said that that passage not only speaks of Jesus willingly giving his life on the cross, but it actually speaks of Christmas, of God giving his very self, his very son to the world, not for anything God could get out of it, but for the good and the welfare and the well-being of the world. Of us.

Someone once said, in a Christmas poem, "Love came down at Christmas." That's what love is. To give, and not to count the cost. To give, not for what one can get, but for what the other can receive. That's what love is. God so loved the world, that he gave.

I realized recently how powerful that passage really is, when I saw an old poster from 1938. A poster produced by the Episcopal Church at that time, to encourage Episcopalians and other Christians, and other people of faith and good will, to do whatever they could to help Jewish refugees fleeing

tyranny in Europe. To help people from all over Europe seeking refuge in America, this land of freedom. The poster depicts Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. They're fleeing persecution in Palestine, as Matthew's Gospel says. And the poster depicting Mary, Joseph, and Jesus says in the tag line, "In the name

of these refugees, help all refugees."

God so loved the world, that he gave, even to the point of risk-
ing

“ Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave, even to the point of risking his own son. ”

his own son. And in the name of those refugees, in the name of that Jesus, help all refugees, all people who suffer, anyone who's alone, everyone who is in need. That's what love does.

Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave.

In those days, a decree went out from the Emperor Augustus, that all the world should be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was a descendent from the House of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged, and who was expecting a child. While



they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Meanwhile, in that region, there were shepherds, living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood above them. And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were terrified. The angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day, in the City of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign. You will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger."

And suddenly, there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth."

Have a blessed Christmas. Have a merry Christmas. Have a joyful Christmas.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**

The 97th Annual Meeting of St. Luke's Church to Be Held on Sunday, January 27

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 27** with a potluck luncheon.

Please bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Committee chairs are asked to get their reports to Sue Gonci by **Jan. 15** so that our booklet may be produced in time for the meeting.

Any questions? Please contact either of the Wardens.

The Current SLATE for Voting

Warden 2 yr. Tammy Lynch
Vestry 3 yr. Amy Hernandez
One open

2020 Convention delegates
Tammy Lynch, Paul Nobleman,
Sue Gonci

Alt 2020 delegates Rich Gonci,
Roberta Nobleman, **One open**

District 9 Delegate & Alternate
Claudia Smith
Paul Nobleman

Contact either Warden before the Jan. 8 Vestry meeting if you have a Write-in suggestion.

Support Our Monthly Center for Food Action Ingathering Programs

Help fill our grocery cart on the **second Sunday of every month!** Foodstuffs are blessed during the service and taken to the **Center for Food Action in Englewood**. To learn more about the vital work the CFA does to help feed our neighbors, **click here:**
<http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/>



Pick up a few extra items to donate and make a less fortunate family's week!

Consider joining the **Snack Pack Assembly Angels on the 4th Sunday.**

The packs help less fortunate kids who may not have a decent meal over a weekend when they can't eat at school. This CFA program ensures that the teachers are able to place snack packs filled with nutritious meals very *discreetly* into the children's backpacks.



*St. Luke's angels assemble snack packs after church. **This month: JANUARY 20***

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday School

Available Every Sunday

Our Christian Education classes are held following our 10:30 Service in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Karen Moylan for her faithfulness in taking on responsibility for this crucial part of a child's development.

Bible Study

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays,
7:30 P.M.**

The Bible Study Group continues its twice-a-month meetings in the Parish Hall. Study will focus on the Book of Job. Thanks again to Karen Moylan for leading this group!

Next: Jan. 15

Healing Service

**3rd Sundays, in the Chapel
right after the 10:30 service
Next: Jan. 20**

Parish Fun Night

**3rd Sundays,
6:00 P.M.**

Everyone is invited to attend Parish Fun Night. Bring a potluck dish to share and be prepared to have fun in spite of yourself. Board games are played and silliness abounds. If you've never tried it, check it out!

Next: Jan. 20

Secret Santas provide comfort this Christmas



YCS 2018 Program Goal Met!

Thanks to the generosity of members of St. Luke's, 16 young people in two of Youth Consultation Services' programs received their dream gifts this Christmas. Some of us may have been a little surprised at the requests this year: not for games or the latest hot toy but for "beds in a bag" and fleece pajamas. Bed linens and sleepwear are not for most of us "dream gifts" but when one reads the scope of YCS's programs, many of which are residential, it is easier to understand why they are for some of the children in their care, so we are including here an extract from the [YCS website](#).

Each day YCS provides services to thousands of New Jersey families who have children, birth – adulthood, with special needs. Some of the children at our group homes are separated from their loved ones and have been affected by trauma, others are affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities that adversely affect their behavior. Many families receive the intensive in-home and community support that enables their families to stay together. Whatever the need, the caring YCS staff is prepared to offer individualized educational, mental health and/or behavioral health programming. With your support, we can help every individual find hope, and cultivate strength and resilience for a brighter future.

Welcome, Dream Church!

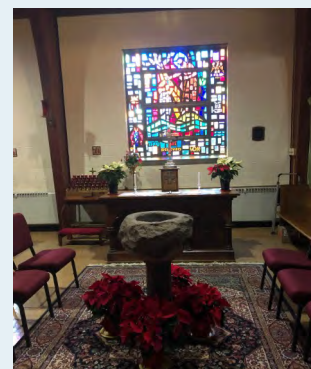
After a number of years of worshipping in our space, Pastor Kim and his people have moved on. A new Korean congregation, led by Pastor Paul Yoo, will share our building effective Jan. 1.

Welcome to the Dream Church congregation!



Thanks to ALL ...

... who assisted the Altar Guild in decorating the church this year and to Dave Emerson and Chris Wyant for the heavy lifting in setting up the outdoor crèche. (See Check It Out! on Page 14).





January's Book Selection

In a Greek taverna, high over the small village of Aghia Anna, four people meet for the first time: Fiona, an Irish nurse, Thomas, a Californian academic; Elsa, a German television presenter; and David a shy English boy. Along with Andreas, the old man who runs the taverna, they become close to each other after witnessing a tragedy when a pleasure steamer catches fire in the harbour.

NIGHTS OF RAIN AND STARS is the story of one summer when Fiona, Thomas, Elsa and David all have to face the particular life crisis which first made them leave their homes and end up in Greece. With the help of Vonni, a middle-aged Irish woman who lives in the village and is now a near-native, they each find a solution - although not necessarily the one they anticipated...



Between the Lines Book Club Schedule for 2019

Book Club Meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. at the Rectory unless otherwise noted.

January 23 (Wed.) **Nights of Rain and Stars**—Maeve Binchy (wine/cheese)

February 27 (Wed.) **The Glass Ocean**—Beatriz Williams (appetizers)

March 28 (Thurs.) **Up Island**—Anne Rivers Siddons (potluck)

April 24 (Wed.) **The Red Tent**—Anita Diamante (dessert)

May 22 (Wed.) **In The Unlikely Event**—Judy Blume (pizza)

June 23 (Wed.) **Girl Waits With Gun**—Amy Stewart (wine/cheese)

July 24 (Wed.) **Song of the Lion**—Anne Hillerman (appetizers)

August 28 (Wed.) **A Town Like Alice**—Nevil Shute (potluck)

September 25 (Wed.) **Rooster Bar**—John Grisham (dessert)

October 23 (Wed.) **I am Malala**—Malala Yousafzai (pizza)

November -- no meeting

December 4 (Wed.)--dinner out

Book Club Service Project 2018 –Deadline Jan. 6!

Many of you know that we support The Seaman's Institute by making scarves for the men and women who patrol our waterways around New York.

This year the Book Club requests that all those who knit or crochet make two (2) scarves by **January 6, 2019**, so they may be presented at the annual Diocesan Convention.

For those who don't knit or crochet, please consider making a donation of yarn.



NOTE: Specific patterns are only available online at <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea> or see Heidi for a copy

If you've never considered joining a Book Club, you have to check this one out. Great reads, great people, discussion whether you've read it or not. No pressure. Just come and have fun with us!!! Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month at the Rectory unless otherwise noted.

Christmastide & Epiphany at St. Luke's



Sunday, December 30— First Sunday After Christmas

10:30 A.M. — Service of Lessons, Carols & Communion



Sunday, January 6, 2010 — Feast of the Epiphany

10:30 A.M. — Service of Holy Eucharist

4:00 P.M. — Parish Wine & Cheese at the Rectory

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PRAYER LIST



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

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Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch,
Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen
Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda
Stephenson, Patricia
Stephenson, Patti Kennelly,
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O'Callaghan, for the repose
of Sandi Sonnichen, Angela
Stabler, Eileen LaViola,
Elizabeth Secari, Lee
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Patricia Danko

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 reviewed
monthly 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.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Jack Klie
5 Bob Plinio
8 Christine Emerizy,
Heidi Plinio
9 Claudia Smith
10 Christopher Plunkett
12 Tom Caloz, Sr.
18 Susan & Jeffrey Coleman
20 Sue & Rich Gonci



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.**



Loved ones who are
sick or suffering in
any way may also be
remembered in prayer
during the **service of
Healing, held on the
3rd Sunday right after
our 10:30 service of
Holy Eucharist.**



St. Luke's symbol is the ox.
This may explain that he is 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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January Calendar – St. Luke's Episcopal Church/Haworth

January 2019						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTE: Thanks to Fr. Bob Solon our January Guest Celebrant & Preacher	11PM to 1AM Dream Church New Year's Eve Party	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 5-7:30AM Dream Church	2 5-7:30AM Dream Church	3 5-7:30AM Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	4 5-7:30AM Dream Church	5 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7 PM AA Open Meeting
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's is a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J. Our members come from many different traditions but are joined together through a love of Christ and our neighbors. We are at the crossroads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

We seek to be a bridge between traditions and between communities. We welcome *anyone* who wants to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Come and be surprised!

Check It Out!

A family string trio was just part of the wonderful musical Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Look inside at Page 7 for more photos



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