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New Visions

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Hi, All,

It's been a long time in coming, but we hope to worship together again soon. The Planning Committee, consisting of Heidi & Bob Plinio, Sue and Rich Gonci, have worked tirelessly to assure that we can all return to worship safely. Every possible precaution has been put in place to assure the safety for all. We will be watching this closely and will make changes as necessary.

The following is a list of instructions and expectations for gatherings. Anyone uncomfortable with these guidelines is encouraged to remain at home. We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable in returning for worship.

- In person worship with 25 people or less in worship space, including ministers
- NO nursery or childcare, but children are welcome to worship with their families

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Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving
their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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The beautiful prayer above, which went viral in the early days of social distancing, opens a collection of 30 prayers titled “A Consoling Embrace: Prayers for a Time of Pandemic.” Published by Twenty-Third Publications as an e-book, copies may be purchased here: <https://bayardfaithresources.com/products/a-consoling-embrace-prayers-for-a-time-of-pandemic-for-individual-use-only>

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Welcome Back Sunday Continued from Page 1

- Leadership and small group meetings permitted with 10 or less
- NO outside groups permitted, including support groups

We received final approval from the Diocese and plan to reopen on Sun., Sept. 13, 2020 with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Fletcher Harper will celebrate at the altar.

Protocols

- Vulnerable people continue to shelter. If ill, please stay at home.
- Only the kitchen entrance is to be used entering and exiting on Sunday.
- Doors open 15 minutes prior to worship. Exterior and interior doors will be propped open to facilitate touch-free access. Or, someone will be assigned to open and close doors.
- Cloth face coverings/masks are required throughout the worship service. If you don't have one, it will be provided.
- Everyone to maintain at least 6 feet distance.
- In pews, maintain at least 6 feet separation. Pews will be marked for spacing between parties in any row (except members of the same household who may sit adjacent to one another with six feet distance on all sides of their group).
- Frequent handwashing/sanitizing is required. Please wash your hands before and after using the bathroom to ensure the safety of others.
- All copies of the Book of Common Prayer and the hymnals have been removed from the pews. There will be NO congregational singing during the service.
- Communion will be distributed in one element – wafers only.
- Communicants will receive wafers from the priest while sitting in their pews.
- No physical contact between attendees (i.e., shaking hands, hugging, fist bumping, high fiving, etc.) anywhere on church premises.
- No Collection plates. A receptacle at the double doors into the church from the parish hall will allow parishioners to give their offering without touching anything.
- Online and mail-in giving is encouraged.
- No 'receiving line' after worship. Families and individuals will be asked to exit pew by pew while maintaining social distance.
- No coffee/fellowship hour or gathering in the Parish Hall. Virtual Coffee Hour will continue at 12:30 P.M. via Zoom.
- Hold conversations outside and observe distancing guidelines

Facilities

- All surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected after any gathering by IM Cleaning.
- No food or drinks of any kind will be permitted in the parish hall or church.

Readers & Altar Guild

- Wear cloth face coverings, even while reading.
- Light candles 15 min. prior to the service to encourage quiet time and prayer.
- Reading will take place at the lectern.
- Maintain six feet of distance.
- Assist clergy with Altar duties as required.

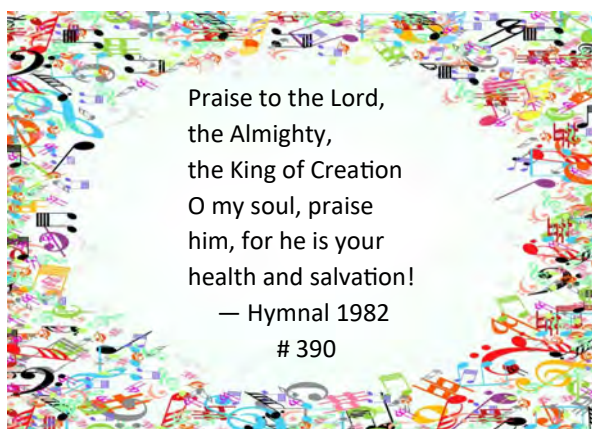
Ushers

- Wear cloth face coverings
- Check off attendees on attendance sheet in case contact tracing is required
- Ensure all attendees are wearing face coverings & use hand sanitizer upon entering.
- Take temperatures of attendee's upon entering using touchless thermometer.
- Sit in designated usher pew
- Maintain six feet of distance.

Our path ahead is one we haven't walked before, but we are looking forward to doing it together... safely. Thank you for your cooperation! We are all learning together as we are in this together.

Blessings from the Planning Committee,

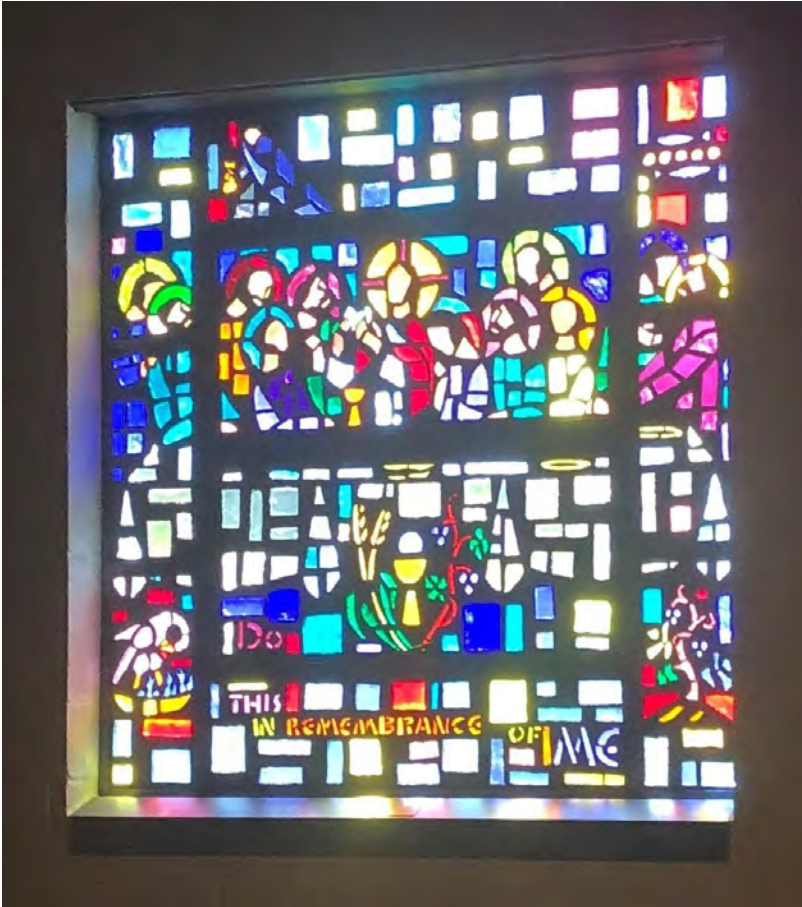
Rich Gonci, Junior Warden and Committee Chair
Sue Gonci
Heidi & Bob Plinio



Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty,
the King of Creation
O my soul, praise
him, for he is your
health and salvation!
— Hymnal 1982
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The Presiding Bishop's Sermon to the House of Bishops

July 28, 2020



In the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

From Matthew Chapter Five, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, *You have heard that it was said you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you love your enemy. Pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become children of your father, who is in heaven.*

The old Gospel songs says it this way: *I got my hand on the gospel plow. Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now. Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on, hold on. Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on.*

Our topic is communion, divine and human, Holy Eucharist and racial reconciliation. Now, I suspect on one glance, that topic may not seem to make a lot of sense: Holy Eucharist, racial reconciliation, communion, divine and human, in a time of pandemic. Part of the topic arises from listening to the conversations that have been going on in our community of bishops. There's been a lot of talk about the Holy Eucharist, and we all have missed it [Holy Communion]. There's been talk about the sacrament, and Lord, how we've missed it. There's been talk about racism and the reality, and the imposed reality, rediscovered or unveiled, in the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and many others.

Holy Eucharist and racial justice and reconciliation; communion, divine and human, may not seem like they are related, but they are intimately related. They're intimately related because, on the surface they seem disconnected, but behind each one is the struggle for communion and relationship with God, who is the creator of us all, and the need for communion and relationship with each other as children of the one God, who is the creator of us all. I mean, these two are intimately related, the vision of the Kingdom of God that you see in the New Testament; that just listen to Jesus. It's a kingdom where folk come from the highways and the byways, when all stripes and types of folk gather around the throne. When even John, in Revelation, says, "I saw a host which nobody could number from every tribe and race and nation, and all stripes and types of people, all sorts of folk, all the children of God gathered around the throne." That is the vision of God's heaven.

And we pray, as the Lord taught us, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." No, The Holy Eucharist isn't a disembodied sacrament. I believe we speak of the Eucharist as a foretaste of the kingdom. It is a foretaste of God's dream, what God intends to happen. That when all of God's children are gathered around the throne, when we learn how to lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, and study war no more, where we do not hurt and harm, and all of God's holy mountain. That's the vision of the Eucharist. That is the dream of God, is what Jesus was probably talking about, I suspect, when he said, "Truly, I tell you, I shall not drink of the vine again." He said that at the

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last supper. "I shall not drink of the vine, the fruit of the vine again, until I drink it with you in the kingdom."

Oh, there is a profound, and intimate, and real relationship between the sacrament of the altar, and a sacramental way of living life, and seeing the presence of God, the presence of Christ in the species of bread and wine, and actually seeing the presence of God, the image of God in the species called the human child of God, and if you can adore God's presence in the sacrament, and dare we not adore the presence of God in the sacrament of all his children, that may well be the real fruit of the Oxford movement. It wasn't about vestments. It wasn't about tabernacles. I love vestments. That's why I'm a Bishop. I love to dress well, but it's not about that. It's about that communion of all of God's children gathered around the throne, where God is in the center, and the new community, the beloved community, gets real.

*Got my hands on the gospel plow.
I wouldn't take nothing
for my journey now.
Keep your eyes on that prize.
Hold on, hold on.
Keep your eyes on that prize.*

We are not here to discuss the mechanics of Eucharist. How shall it happen? We've got to figure that out, I know, but that's not what this is about. This is about communion with God, and com-

munion with each other. We are not here just to solve the problem of race. We're here to figure out the problem of the human race. This isn't black folks' problem. And I'm going to let white folks off the hook too. It isn't your problem. This is our problem. We have got to figure this out together, communion, Eucharist, and race. They're both about communion with God, and with each other.

Dr. King, at the end of the Montgomery bus boycott, was asked by some press folks, "so what was the boycott, was it successful, what was it about? Has the goal been achieved?" And he said, "No. We're work-

"We must make a world and a country, and our countries, where all of God's children are treated as children of God, no matter who they are."

— Dr. Martin Luther King

ing on desegregation of public transportation, and that kind of thing, but there's more work to do." And then he said a quote that was almost forgotten. He said, "Yeah, we had to desegregate public transportation, and we have more to desegregate. We've got systems of injustice that must be made just. We must find a way to a pluralistic society. We must advocate for equality and justice. We must end criminal violence, and police violence. We must make a world and a country, and our countries, where all of God's children are treated as children of God, no matter who they are."

He said, "No. The end is not reconciliation." He said, "No. The end is not redemption." And then he stepped

back and said, "No. The end, the goal is the creation of a beloved community." Keep your eyes on that prize. The goal is the realization of the kingdom, the reign, the rule of God's love, when God is all in all. Keep your eyes on the prize.

I never noticed it in this text, and I'm going to be very brief. I'm about to stop. We are close to it. In Matthew Chapter Five, where Jesus, in the sermon on the Mount says, "You have heard that it was said you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become children of your Father, who is in heaven." It never dawned on me that there it is. There is what we sometimes call that beloved community, that it is created when love, the love that Jesus taught us, the love that he showed us when he gave up his life, not for anything that he could get, but that way of unselfish, sacrificial love. That is the way to the beloved community of God. It is the way to redeem our nations. It is the way to overcome the division among us. Unselfish, sacrificial love that seeks the good, that love is the way.

It is the only way. It is the way to the heart of God, and to each other. It's the way to the beloved community. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done. I've told you before, on other occasions, how my parents became Episcopalian. Both of them grew up Baptist in the old classic black Baptist tradition. My mother went to college; she was a mathematician. So she was into rationality. She read C. S. Lewis; his approach to faith spoke to her and she eventually



got confirmed. My father was dating her years later, and they went to an Episcopal church. This was in the late 1940s, [they] went to an Episcopal church and they were the only black folk, I suspect, in the congregation. And when it came time for communion, he noticed that there was a common cup. He had never been in a predominantly white church before, and he had never been in a church where people were about to drink out of the same cup. And when he saw that my mother drank out of a cup, the chalice, and white folk drank out of the chalice, he would say, "Any church where black folk and white folk drink from the same cup, there was something about the Gospel that I want to be a part of." I've told y'all that story before. In that moment, he didn't say it. These weren't his words. I suspect he saw something of that beloved community, a foretaste of the kingdom, and he spent the rest of his life trying to make that happen here on earth.

There's another part to that story though. After he saw that vision of beloved community of God gathered around the table, of all races and stripes and types, he then decided, because he had been studying to become a Baptist preacher, he decided to become an Episcopal priest. And the priest who was preparing him for confirmation, and all of that

eventually sent him to the bishop for the discussion about going to seminary, going to an Episcopal seminary. And he went to that bishop, and after the bishop listened to him, the bishop said to him, and I quote, "I'm sorry, but I already have one boy, I don't need another one." And he turned him away.

Well, fortunately, in those days, there was an underground network of black clergy. We used to be colored then, but there were underground networks, and folk had their ways. And eventually, somebody, my godfather in fact, got him to Jeff Lee's diocese, the Diocese of Chicago, where he was eventually ordained and went to seminary. The same church where he had had that vision of the beloved community in the sacrament of the altar, was the same church where he saw that very vision denied, and yet he did not give up. He did not give up until that church would actually live out the teachings of his Lord, Jesus. His way of love, where there would be plenty good room for all of God's children. Hold on to that, to the vision of God, to the mission of Jesus, keep your eyes on that prize.

That's what I saw on Sunday, when I saw the caisson carrying the body of John Lewis draped in an American flag, crossing over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, but it wasn't just about John Lewis. It was about Jimmy Lee Jackson who had been killed days before that. It was about Jonathan Daniels who would be killed. Viola Liuzzo. It was about all those folk who walked that day, folk who were beaten that day, as John Lewis' body was carried over that river. It was about them. It was a great host that no man could number, black folk and white folk, rich folk and poor folk, folk of all religions, all stripes, everybody! All of

God's children crossing that bridge together, and state troopers saluted the body of a man that state troopers, 50 years before, had beaten.

And for a brief moment, I saw it. America has not lived up to its ideal. It has failed its own promise, and yet the promise is not about America. It is about God. There is a God who sits on high, the old folk said, and looks down low. There is a God who is the creator of all that is, and of all God's children. There is a God who will not rest, and we must not rest until justice rolls down like a mighty stream, until every man, woman, and child, no matter who they are, every human being is treated as a child of God, and is seen in the eyes of the law, in the eyes of the state, and in our eyes, as someone made in the image and likeness of God.

Oh, keep your eyes on that prize. That's what's going on in Eucharist. That's what's going on in racial justice and reconciliation. That is what Jesus has called us to give our lives for.

So walk together, children. Don't get weary. Oh, no, because there really is a great camp meeting in the promised land.



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

+ Michael Blum

One Bright Spot Amidst This Pandemic ... Welcome, Lua!



*Above: (l-r) Al & Gladys Astorga with Lua; Bob & Mary Pat Jennings
At right: (l-r) Proud parents Jacquelyn and Michael Jennings with Lua*



On June 27, 2020, Al and I became grandparents to a beautiful baby girl, Lua. We went to visit my daughter a few days after Lua was born and stayed with her for about a week. We took a photo together with the Jennings Grandparents and Lua.

Lua's parents, Jacquelyn (nee Astorga) and Michael Jennings, live in Miller Beach, Ind., across Lake Michigan from Chicago. Michael is originally from Chicago where the two of them met. Some people may remember Jacquelyn. She was part of Fletcher's Youth Group and participated in the Habitat for Humanity trip. Today Jacquelyn is an interior designer, Michael is a graphic artist and they have their own business in Chicago, Jennings Creative Studio.

— Gladys Astorga

Home Sweet Home A Note From Roberta Nobleman

Dear Ones,

In the midst of this extraordinary year, I have found my home, "the place just right." I am very near all three of my children, and within walking distance of Celia and Billy. It's the middle floor of a big old house (built 1902) — so it has large windows spacious rooms, trees a big yard, two bedrooms, etc. I feel most blessed. This truly is "the worst of times and the best of times."

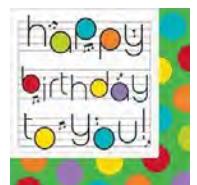
— Love, Roberta

Celebrate Louise Meyers for Her 90th Birthday!

Chris Emerizy and Karen Moylan report that they were recently able to visit with **Louise Meyers** through a cracked window for the first time in six months. She is well, but everyone at her facility is back in quarantine.

August 29 marks Louise's **90th Birthday**. While we can't all see her at a party, give her a famous St. Luke's Birthday Cake or flowers or candy, please send her a card to let her know we love her and are thinking of her!

**c/o Brookdale Senior Living
590 Old Hook Road, #26
Emerson, NJ 07630**




At Last! Parking Lot Repaved, Roof Repairs Completed



(Top left and above, top right): Peter Englishman & Sons brought in its heavy equipment and completed the major job of resurfacing St. Luke's parking lot and driveway. The company was recommended to St. Luke's by the Diocese and has worked for several other churches in our area.

(Right bottom): At the same time, Shannon Slate Roofing was called in to replace tiles blown off during one of the storms rolling through this summer.





For just such a time as this

POSTED BY CARLYE J. HUGHES ON AUGUST 05, 2020

[BISHOP HUGHES' VLOG](#)

“Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this. —Esther 4:14b

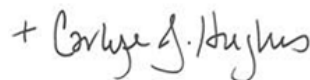
The challenges of pandemic, protest, and economic disruption continue to shape every area of our lives. We are navigating complex and volatile circumstances involving health, work, school, and church. Some of us have grown tired. Compassion fatigue has become a common response. Some of us are confused, overwhelmed, or angry. The tension of division continues to take its toll on individuals, households, businesses, and institutions. Most of us have recognized that we are in a marathon rather than a sprint. Our journey forward requires perseverance, regular sustenance, and a continual deepening of faith.

Our faith is a gift given to us by God and nurtured into fullness by God's generosity. Our role is to embrace the gift, to tend it by turning to God daily so that the gift grows and develops. In the midst of extraordinary distress, many in our diocese are experiencing a deepening of the faith. While we worry about long-term impact on our households, faith leads us to open our cupboards and wallets so that others can eat. Longing to hug beloved family and friends again, faith prompts our hearts and minds to grasp the seemingly impossible goals of ending racism and white supremacy.

God will guide and guard our way through this journey. In the past few weeks, we have talked often of *The Journey Forward* as it relates to in-person worship. It will help us all to broaden our definition of *The Journey Forward*, because it is also about the growth of our faith. It's our impact in the world as faithful people, and our relationship with a God who loves us. Faith powerfully connects us to God and to those in need of God's love and mercy. Faith helps us to see the church, ourselves, our neighbors, and the world the way God sees them. As importantly, faith helps us to love and be merciful the way God intends for us to love and be merciful.

The Journey Forward continues. Individually and as church communities we are becoming more like the people and church God intends us to be. Lean into your faith, God will meet you there.

Grace and peace,



Bishop Hughes

Worship online on Sundays at 11:15 at www.Cathedral.org

Say your prayers and keep the faith.

Say your prayers and fight the fear.

Say your prayers and share God's love
wherever and whenever you can.

— The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith,
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



Stay Connected!

This Week @ St Luke's and other eBlasts deliver news of online services/gatherings during this Pandemic. To sign up so you're in the know,

[CLICK HERE](#)

Online Giving During COVID-19

Just like at your house, St. Luke's expenses continue despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Since we cannot pass the offertory plates, please remember that, as you are able, you can still drop off your pledge in the mail slot on the kitchen door at church or snail mail it to: **St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 43 Massachusetts Ave. at Grant St., Haworth, N.J. 07641**

Greg Paller has been working with Vanco, the company selected by the Diocese, to manage online giving for all of our congregations. **Signup is easy:** Create a profile then choose your donation amount and frequency. Choose your payment option. Donations can be automatically debited from your checking or savings account or use your debit or credit card. Whatever you decide, it's safe, secure and convenient! To check it out, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Forward Day by Day Available



We have received the quarterly Forward Movement Day by Day booklets that begin with the month of August. If you would like one, copies of the small booklets as well as the large print edition are in a plastic bag tied to the kitchen door at church. No need to enter the building. OR find the daily meditations and other prayer resources online at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

Worshiping Online

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Diocese of Newark has published a list of the parishes providing online worship services, both on Sundays and during the week. You may find it here:

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/covid-19/worship>

Included in the listing is a link to the archive of the Diocese's Featured Services. Each day throughout Holy Week, a service from a different church around our diocese was highlighted, culminating with a live stream of the Easter Day service celebrated by Bishop Hughes at our Cathedral. Videos and bulletins are [available here.](#)

The Invitation to A Spiritual Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Although we cannot worship together publicly during this pandemic, we can still hold each other in prayer, as well as our family and friends, and especially all those across the country and around the world affected by the spread of the Coronavirus.



Bergen County congregations raise record-setting \$8K for North Porch

By the REV. LYNNE BLEICH WEBER

(l-r) The Rev. Margaret Otterburn (North Porch volunteer), Cynthia Moricz de Tesco (North Porch Director), Ann Hirsch (Lenten Outreach committee member), the Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber (District 9 Convener) and the Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry (North Porch volunteer) gather outside St. John's, Dover, to give thanks for the 2020 Lenten Offering of \$8,010

Each Lent for more than two decades, 12 congregations in northeast Bergen County have worked together to collect a Lenten Offering to support a designated ministry.

Spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, their 2020 Lenten Offering collected a record-setting of \$8,010 that will go to support an unexpected need: diapers and other baby supplies.

An Epiphany service held at St. Paul's, Englewood, kicked off this year's Lenten Offering at the end of February – just before the pandemic took hold in the U.S. Then the unemployment caused by this public health crisis dramatically increased the need for baby supplies from North Porch, as well as other organizations across our diocese.

According to the Rev. Margaret Otterburn, currently North Porch is serving 100 infants and toddlers a week in Dover and another 50 to 60 a week in Jersey City. If these numbers continue, North Porch is on track to serve over 6,000 children this year – double their average for the past three years.

North Porch welcomed the additional support from the Lenten Offering, which enabled it to share supplies, particularly diapers, with other ministries serving infants, toddlers, and

their families.

An ad hoc Outreach sub-committee of three or four people from different churches is formed to brainstorm and recommend that year's recipient. This year the committee consisted of Ann Hirsch (St. Paul's, Montvale), the Rev. Archie Palmer (Annunciation, Oradell), and the Rev. Jim Petroccione (Holy Communion, Norwood).

The Lenten Offering began over two decades ago as a project of the congregations in District 9, joined by All Saints', Leonia, in neighboring District 8. It has been the most consistent means by which District 9 has worked together, and provided opportunities for joint worship, social gatherings, and Confirmation education in addition to regular District meetings.

Every year, the goal is to raise at least \$5,000, and every year, that goal has been met, with the proceeds supporting both international and local organizations.

Previous Lenten Offerings included over \$7K for the re-opening of the Episcopal school in Monrovia, Liberia; \$5K for a well to provide water for a community through Episcopal Relief & Development; nearly \$7K to provide new supplies for Episcopal schools in the U.S. Virgin Islands damaged by hurricanes; and last year, over \$6K to assist with transportation costs for the Center for Food Action. For several years in the mid-2000s, District 9

collected and delivered toiletries, phone cards and magazines for Seamen's Church Institute.

It's been inspiring for everyone to realize how much more we can do in Christ's name together than we can do separately. These congregations are now distributed among two of the new Regional Ministry Networks, where we hope to continue joint parish efforts.

Following are the congregations involved in the Lenten Offering:

In the Regional Ministry Network Augustine of Hippo (East):

All Saints' Episcopal Korean, Bergenfield; St. Paul's, Englewood; St. Luke's, Haworth; All Saints', Leonia; Atonement, Tenafly.

In the Regional Ministry Network Benedict of Nursia (North East):

St. Andrew's, Harrington Park; Holy Trinity, Hillsdale; St. Paul's, Montvale; Holy Communion, Norwood; Annunciation, Oradell; St. Matthew's, Paramus; Grace Church, Westwood.

For those who would like to support North Porch, the most needed items are large-size diapers and baby wipes, which you can purchase and have shipped to them through their [Amazon Charity List](#).



Many thanks to Heidi & Bob Plinio and Rich Gonci, who cleaned up the branches in our newly paved parking lot. Heidi and Bob finished off the fallen tree in the front of the church (above right). The township of Haworth will take care of the remaining trunk (above, left). And thanks to the Grubby Saturday crew (top photo, l-r): Chris Wyant, Sue Johnson (a friend of the parish), Tammy Lynch, Mark (a friend of Paul Nobleman's), Heidi Plinio, Paul Nobleman and Tom Jr. and Anne Caloz. Photographer who was deliberately not pictured: Claudia Smith

ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH: A Call to Service

After a ton of years of faithful service and dynamic leadership, Janet Beddoe has advised the Wardens and Vestry that she needs to step down from coordinating outreach activities for St. Luke's.

The need is greater than ever.

We're Looking for a Few Good Outreach Coordinators

Family Promise has scheduled the Walk-in Dinner Program for 2021 and, along with all the other supporters in Bergen County, St. Luke's has been asked to commit to providing a couple of meals, although what the procedure will be is not known at this point, given the continuing challenges for nonprofits and their volunteers presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. **St. Luke's is now scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 1, 2020 and then for Thursdays, June 24 and Nov. 18, 2021.**

While monetary donations are always welcomed by Family Promise, the Center for Food Action, North Porch, Youth Consultation Services and the other local organizations we have traditionally

supported, efforts to raise and allocate those funds must still be managed by someone -- or perhaps a small committee of someones.

Community outreach of the kind that has become a hallmark for St. Luke's is essential to the work of any church that is doing the work God has given us to do. Certainly the health and future of our congregation depend upon us being able to reach out beyond ourselves.

If you think you can help with this vital service, please let the Wardens and Vestry know.



REACH OUT, ST. LUKE'S

In these days when many of us are sorely missing our family and friends and familiar routines, we urge you to reach out to your fellow parishioners, especially those who are not on email. We are snail mailing *New Visions* to those folks so they can keep up with what's happening but communication via old-fashioned telephone is so much nicer -- and *faster*! Cards and postcards are also always great to receive!

Between the Lines Book Club

*“ The more that
you read,
the more things
you will know.
The more that
you learn,
the more places
you'll go.*

—Dr. Seuss

”

Book Club Meetings are usually held at 7:30 P.M. at the Rectory.

During this time of social distancing, we invite you to check out our list of books and read on your own for now. We hope to see you all again for an “official” meeting as soon as it is safe to do so!

September 24
Fall of Marigolds
Susan Meissner

October 22
Finding Dorothy
Elizabeth Letts

November
December
TBD—depending on what is happening in the world.
More to come...



PRAYER LIST

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

Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Tresten, Sue Pastore, Chan, Hung-Kwong & family, Carol Maxfield, Donna Sisti, Muriel Brandt, Leah Ogena Collins, Thomas Chase, Jimmy Rivera, Denilson Interiano, Jay Rizzo, Judy Ashbrook Hoffman, the People of Hong Kong, Maureen Bownes, James, Warren Helms, Sylvania Powell, Vivienne Hall

Cathy O'Donnell asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Michael McCarten, her cousin who has been on our Prayer List. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Frank Brescia
- 7 T.J. Pellegrin
- 9 Kay Lynch
- 12 Jennifer Plunkett
- 16 Heidi & Bob Plinio
- 23 Samuel Plange-Kaye
- 24 Greta & Jack Pallatta



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

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing [especially those named on our Parish Prayer List and all whom we name in our hearts], grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain the fact that he is patron saint 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.

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.

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September 2020						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) 12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour Via Zoom	7 Labor Day	8 Virtual Vestry Meeting 7:30 P.M.	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) WELCOME BACK SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. 12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour Via Zoom	14 Holy Cross Day	15	16	17	18	19 Ember Day
20 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) 12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour Via Zoom	21 Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	23	24 Book Club – 7:30 PM To be announced	25	26
27 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21) 12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour Via Zoom	28	29 Saint Michael and All Angels	30	Given the rapidly changing landscape in our society, the October calendar will be sent out under separate cover when we know what activities are able to be scheduled.		

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's is a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J. We seek to be a bridge between traditions and communities.

We welcome *anyone* who wants to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Our members come from many different traditions but are joined together through a love of Christ and our neighbors.

We are located at the cross-roads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

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