



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## May 2017 Newsletter

*From Fr. Tim*

Dear brothers and sisters,

I have been riding a cloud of joy and thanksgiving ever since Holy Week-- what a wonderful week that was! The worship was moving; the preaching was thoughtful—and by this I mean our faithful lay preachers, Sally House, Christine Cassels, and Nancy Arnold; the music was glorious; and the fellowship was heartwarming. I left our final Easter service so very grateful for the church we share.

But, beyond the Holy Week services, I find myself feeling such joy and gratitude not just for what we have shared but for what is yet to come. My friends, I could not be more excited about the future that awaits us. Let me tell you why.

**First, I am thrilled to announce that Bishop Knisely has assigned Christine Cassels, soon to be ordained to the vocational diaconate, to serve as deacon at St. Luke's.** Anyone who has worked with Christine since she came to St. Luke's eight months ago knows that she has many gifts. She is kind, caring, thoughtful, and deeply faithful. I have marveled at her ability to build relationships, delighted in her ever-present smile, and benefited from her creative engagement with our church's mission. Already we are a better place by virtue of her presence.

What is a vocational deacon? I think you should ask Christine that question when you next see her. But that said, I will say in shorthand form, a deacon's ministry is to carry the Gospel into the world and to connect the concerns of the world with the life of the Church. More specifically, at St. Luke's, Christine will continue to provide assistance with pastoral care to our shut-ins, serve as a part of our faith formation steering committee, offer suggestions and leadership in the area of outreach, and participate regularly in our liturgical life. Although remaining in her secular job, she will be a wonderful colleague and weekly presence in the church's life.

**To add to this excitement, St. Luke's has the privilege of hosting Christine's ordination, scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00AM. Mark that date on your calendar and listen for details regarding how you can help with her special day.**

And now, at the risk of sounding like a late-night info-mercial salesman, let me say, “That’s not all! There’s more good news!” I mentioned last month that we were working on calling a newly ordained priest to assist at St. Luke’s. **Today, it gives me great pleasure to announce that we have called (the soon-to-be Rev.) Dante Tavolaro to be our new curate!**

Dante is well-known to the Diocese, having held lay positions at two churches before attending Berkley Theological Seminary on Yale’s campus. He graduates later in May.

Dante will be a tremendous gift to St. Luke’s, bringing his experience in both outreach and faith formation to our already successful ministries. In addition, as a millennial, he offers a personal understanding of the spiritual lives of this age group.

Although there are still details to be ironed out regarding his role at St. Luke’s, Dante’s presence will allow us to develop additional worship opportunities, additional programs for our teens, and additional evangelism efforts directed to the “un-churched” in our neighborhoods. Besides this work with us, he also will spend one quarter of his time developing a new ministry to RIC students. The Bishop is contributing \$20,000 dollars towards Dante’s compensation to launch this new chaplaincy. Clearly, Dante will be a very busy man!

Dante returns to Rhode Island with his wife, Kaytee, and will begin at St. Luke’s July 1. **Before that time, St. Paul’s in Pawtucket will host Dante’s ordination on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30PM. Again, I invite you to mark this date on your calendar and join me at St. Paul’s for this special occasion.**

As I write this note, I am filled with a profound sense of blessing. I feel blessed to be a part of a church where parishioners have proven themselves to be faithful, committed, and visionary. I feel fortunate to be a part of a church where twenty-two members have made commitments above and beyond their annual pledges to make Dante’s call possible. And I feel grateful to be in a diocese where the Bishop is willing to support and partner with his congregations.

What a tremendous staff we will have, come September! What amazing things the Holy Spirit is doing with St. Luke’s! What an exciting and joy-filled future we share! It all makes me want to shout out, “Alleluia!!”

Your brother,

*Tim*



# Carpool to our new curates ordination??

If you would like to carpool to Dante's ordination on Saturday, June 3rd at St. Paul's Pawtucket, please email Barbara, [barbara@stlukeseg.org](mailto:barbara@stlukeseg.org). We will leave St. Luke's parking lot around 1 but will confirm the exact time as we get closer.

GOD WILLING

THE RT. REV. W. NICHOLAS KNISELY  
BISHOP OF RHODE ISLAND  
WILL ORDAIN

*Dante A. Tavolaro*

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS



YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED  
AT THE SERVICE AND RECEPTION  
SATURDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN  
AT HALF AFTER TWO IN THE AFTERNOON  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 50 PARK PLACE  
PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

CLERGY ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR RED STOLES  
RSVP TO DANTE TAVOLARO  
(401) 954-0715, [DANTE.TAVOLARO@YALE.EDU](mailto:DANTE.TAVOLARO@YALE.EDU)

# We are throwing a REALLY BIG CELEBRATION!!

As Fr. Tim has mentioned in his Anchor article, we will be welcoming our soon to be deacon, Christine Cassels, to our parish home. Along with St. Mary's in Portsmouth, which is Christine's host parish, we will be throwing her a big celebration on her ordination day, June 3rd at 10 am in the morning.

We will be serving lunch since the ordination will end around 11:45—12.

If you would like to participate by baking a dessert, bring fruit, cut up veggies, lemonade, etc., or if you prefer to simply donate a few dollars towards purchasing the deli platters, let Barbara know by email, [barbara@stlukese.org](mailto:barbara@stlukese.org) or calling the office 884-4116.

Keep your eye out for more information regarding Christine's ordination.

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*Christine Helen Cassels*

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EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND  
CLERGY ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR RED STOLES  
RSVP TO CHRISTINE CASSELS  
CHRISTINECASSELS@GMAIL.COM

*St. Luke's Episcopal Church presents*

# **A Spring Concert**

*The time of singing has come*



*Featuring the  
Canterbury Choir,  
the St. Cecilia Choir,  
the Three Amigos  
and a variety of  
soloists.*

**Sunday, May 21 at 4 PM**  
St. Luke's Church, 99 Peirce St.,  
East Greenwich

*A reception will follow the concert.*

## *The Blessing Way* Needs Your Help!



Parishioners of St. Luke's have long supported The Blessing Way – which helps people coming out of prison or rehab to restart their lives in a positive way. As board members and fellow parishioners, we are grateful and we hope that you will consider helping again!

Our annual benefit takes place at the Providence Marriott on June 12, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music by our own The Three Amigos. We would love to have you attend and hope you will contact us if you are interested.

In addition, we are asking for donations of lottery tickets for our silent auction. If you are able to donate a couple of tickets, please leave them in the church office addressed to Elizabeth McNamara, The Blessing Way.

And, we are looking for other silent auction items – in particular, the donation of vacation home for a weekend or week, or sports tickets. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth McNamara (401-749-3115; [emac6660@gmail.com](mailto:emac6660@gmail.com))  
and Caroline Sparhawk ([cdsparhawk@verizon.net](mailto:cdsparhawk@verizon.net)).

# 2017 Main Street Stroll Schedule

**Arts on Main Stroll**  
Saturday, May 6th—12 pm



**Dogs on Main Stroll**  
Thursday, June 22nd—5 pm

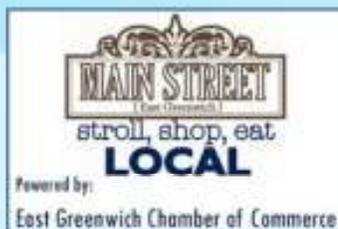
**Music on Main Stroll**  
Thursday, July 20—5 pm



**Taste of EG Stroll**  
Thursday, June 22nd—5 pm

**Falling Leaves Stroll**

Saturday, Sep-



**Small Business Saturday**  
Saturday, November 25th—All Day

**Town Hall Tree Lighting**  
Friday, December 1—5 pm



## **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

St. Luke's is hitting Main Street during the **2017 East Greenwich Summer Strolls**.

For each event, we will have a presence 'on the hill' or on Main Street to share information about the church. A small planning group comprised of Sarah Muoio, Alison Poirer, Laura Sullivan, Tom Sprague and Deborah Collins has designed activities for each stroll. These activities will engage parishioners from our different ministries and promise to provide lively, engaging moments for all involved. See the schedule of activities below and let us know if you want to be involved!

### **Arts on Main Stroll – Saturday, May 6, Noon to 3pm**

*St. Luke's Refreshment Center* -- The church will be open for parking, restroom use, refreshments and rest. Bubbles on the lawn, lemonade and cookies, information on church programs will be coordinated by greeters from St. Luke's.

### **Dogs on Main – Thursday, June 22, 5 to 8pm**

*Making a Difference* -- With the generous permission of Walsh Associates at 294 Main Street, parish leadership will engage Stroll participants to learn how St. Luke's can help or support the community. We will also provide treats for pets and animal crackers for pet owners as they visit our booth.

### **Music on Main – Thursday, July 20, 5 to 8pm**

*Music ministries* for all ages and beyond our walls will be our focus for this stroll. Come by our booth to enjoy the music of the Three Amigos, St. Cecilia and Canterbury choristers, and Jubilate Ringers.

### **Taste of East Greenwich – Thursday, August 24, 5 to 8pm**

*St. Luke's Feeding/Outreach Ministries*, of course, will be highlighted during this Stroll. The DR mission trips, Loaves and Fishes, Lunch on the Hill, Christ Community Kitchen, and Refugee Placement programs will be on display.

### **Falling Leaves Stroll – Saturday, September 16, All Day**

Plans are still underway as the town finalizes logistics for this event. All Ideas are Welcome!

If you have ideas, information to share or want to get involved, please contact Deborah Collins (email: [collinstn01@gmail.com](mailto:collinstn01@gmail.com) or phone: 885-4116) or speak to members of the planning team.



## WOMEN OF GRACE

The next meeting of Women of Grace is, **Wednesday, May 3rd**, at Tracy Sampson's home in North Kingstown (49 Audubon Rd. – Route 4 south, turn right at the light at Oak Hill and the Sampson's are off Lafayette Road).

We meet at 7pm, beginning with refreshments and a half hour of socializing. From 7:30-8:30pm we will have conversation on our topic of the evening (information on this month's topic will come soon), followed by a closing prayer. Everyone is on their way home by 9pm. All women of the parish and newcomers or guests are always welcome.

Please RSVP to

Elizabeth McNamara at [emac6660@gmail.com](mailto:emac6660@gmail.com) or

Liz Crawley at [lcrawley53@gmail.com](mailto:lcrawley53@gmail.com) to let us know if you can join us or with any questions or suggestions for topics.

**OURTREACH MINISTRIES -**  
**LOAVES & FISHES RI AND REFUGEE MINISTRY**

We would like to thank you all for your donations to our outreach ministries. We have been able to utilize your donations to support our brothers and sisters in Woonsocket as well as supply Dorcas International with needed items for refugee placement. Refugee placement has been slowing down as of late so there are no specific needs this month.

As we transition into Spring we are asking for the following items to support our next Loaves & Fishes run to Woonsocket on April 22nd.

Adult Needs: Women's and Men's - Jeans, Casual Pants, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Shorts, Long & Short Sleeve T-shirts

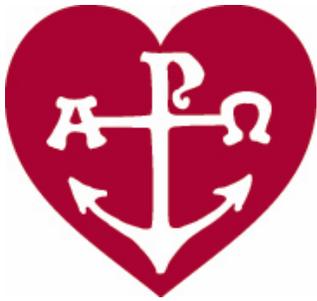
**Especially in need of women's underwear - all sizes**

Children's Needs: All sizes needed - infant to teen size 18/20: Jeans, leggings, short & long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic shorts, sneakers

**Especially in need of infant/toddler socks and teen girl underwear sizes 12-16**

The Loaves & Fishes truck will leave St. Luke's at 11:30 on Saturday, April 22nd. The clothing is prepped before the run and these days vary per month. If you would like to help with the prep or go on a run and/or follow the truck with clothing bins in your vehicle, please contact us. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Adult Clothing Contacts: Joyce Harvey [joyce836@gmail.com](mailto:joyce836@gmail.com),  
Caroline Sparhawk [cdsparhawk@verizon.net](mailto:cdsparhawk@verizon.net)  
Children's Clothing Contact: Linda Wegrzyn [Ldwez@cox.net](mailto:Ldwez@cox.net)  
Refugee Ministry: Eric Holmsted [ericholms20@gmail.com](mailto:ericholms20@gmail.com)



# Episcopal Charities

Of all the charities that solicit me almost daily, Episcopal Charities is the one that I can always get behind. Unlike most of them, Episcopal Charities uses 100 percent of my gift to directly support fellow Rhode Islanders in need. Agencies receiving our help go through a stringent examination by the Grant Review Committee, including site visits from people in the congregations. Requests are discouraged from agencies that can obtain funding elsewhere, or are heavily funded by government sources. Additionally, Episcopal Charities does not grant funds to pay for existing debts, capital projects, advocacy or research.

St. Luke's has always been generous in support to Episcopal Charities. This year, the committee has set a goal of \$400,000. We are already well on our way due to a grant from Amica, honoring our beloved Carl Hoyer, who was always so giving of his time and treasure.

John teaches us that showing love for each other proves we are truly Jesus' disciples. Through your gift, Episcopal Charities serves both diocesan and community nonprofit agencies where they invest in hope, knowledge, and healing. Please share the joy of sharing our gifts and blessings with those in need by being the healing presence of Jesus Christ in Rhode Island.

Stop by the tables in the foyer and pick up your envelope on May 7.

Holly Barton  
Nancy Kaull  
Harry Waterman

## Property

### PROPERTY BREAKFAST

The monthly Property Breakfast will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, May 18th**, at 8 am in the Dining Room. We welcome everyone to join us for a delicious breakfast and various projects.

By that time outside projects will require our attention.

Please continue to tell of things that need property attention. Thanks for your help.

Sandy and Peggy Rubel (884-6594)



### **Do you enjoy gardening/pruning/ edging/mulching?**

St. Luke's Memorial Garden and grounds have been maintained over the years by many, many hands. Those hands have either moved away or are no longer able to do that kind of work.

If you enjoy gardening and pruning, caring for our flower beds, we could use your help. Even if you only have an hour here and there to help out.

It can be done at your leisure. There isn't an assigned time or day. Just email or call Barbara 884-4116, [barbara@stlukeseg.org](mailto:barbara@stlukeseg.org) and let us know you're interested. We will have a list of things that need to be done and you can choose what you would like to work on.

Thank you.

# YOGA CLASS

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-10:15am**



Welcome to this gentle yoga class designed to bring flexibility, strength and balance for Body-Mind-Spirit. Explore basic movement in simple yoga postures, and learn basic breath techniques leading you to a feeling of well-being and relaxation. Come and join this safe and enjoyable time.

All levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring a yoga mat.

Join Linda Morse, a professionally certified Kripalu yoga teacher, whose enjoyable and humorous way will guide you to inner peace and strength.

With questions, call Linda at 401-318-0303, or click on [www.BEAMyoga.com](http://www.BEAMyoga.com)  
Class fee is \$5 and open to the public.

Classes run from May thru Oct. only. St. Luke's is 99 Pierce St., East Greenwich, across from the public library.

# What's happening in MAY

**NEW YOGA Class** by Linda Morse, instructor (see page 14)  
**Tuesday and Thursday** mornings at 9 – 10:15 am, in the auditorium  
**ONLY \$5/class.**

- Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Women of Grace @ 7pm at the home of Tracy Sampson (see page 10)
- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 10 am Pastoral Care Meeting  
7 pm Theology on Tap in the Blackburn Room
- Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 8 am Property Breakfast (see page 13)
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am Corporate Communion Rehearsal
- Sunday, May 21 - 7:45 & 10:15 Holy Eucharist with Senior Witnesses  
4 pm *A Sprint Concert* –featuring the Canterbury & St. Cecilia Choirs and special guests, The Three Amigos. (see page 6)



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