



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

What a glorious week, the entirety of last week! Perhaps that's a strange thing to say, considering the grief-filled content of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but even those days were made glorious because of how we were able to recall the stories. So, I say again, what a glorious week last week. And oh, how many people we have to thank for all its glory!

Really, stretching the memory back to Palm Sunday, it is important to thank Rob Walsh for putting together that slide show of parishioners with their palms (and my thanks to all of you who were able to stand for a photo). Rob does so much to make our on-line presence shine and that particular piece brought such a smile to my face.

Of course, part of what made the video so grand-- and really all of Holy Week so amazing-- was the music. How moving was it to hear once again the music from Taizé chanted as we gazed upon the Good Friday cross? And how spectacular was it to hear the brass, timpani, and voices fill the air as we proclaimed, "He is risen?!" In truth, there was nothing more challenging and time-consuming than providing music for the Holy Week services. Rodney so carefully planned the many pieces not just in terms of themes, but also with care to include as many different voices as possible. Although not all of our choir members were able to sing last week, I am grateful to them all for both singing and not singing with equal joy and devotion.

Singing voices were not the only voices that contributed to our glorious Holy Week. My heart was filled and my soul was fed by the voices of our three lay-preachers for the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Eucharists. Thank you Eddy Lopez, Angie Howard-McParland, and Paul Brookes for sharing with us your wonderful words and your deep faith.

## Stay Connected



As usual, none of these services would run so smoothly without the efforts of countless others who might not have sung or preached but still labored mightily. Steve McLoughlin practically camped overnights in the back pew so he could see to it that individuals were warmly greeted and our various COVID protocols were respectfully but thoroughly enforced. I am grateful to Steve and all our ushers who did such a great job over the week!

I also am grateful to Liz Fox and the many altar guild members who came out time and time again to clean up and set up. There were so many moving parts and somehow everything ended up in the right place at the right time. Thank you, ladies!!!

Speaking of moving parts, I must thank our sexton, Tim Marnane, who not only lifted so many of the many moving parts, but also kept the church looking good day after day. Holy Week is one of those times when the 9-5 work schedule doesn't apply. Quite literally, Tim was at St. Luke's from sunup to sundown throughout the week. He even came out at 6:00AM Easter morning to help set up for our outdoor celebration. Thanks, Tim!

And of course, doing the heavy lifting of another kind was our parish administrator, Christina Imondi. Just the number of bulletins she had to create for Holy Week makes for a full work week. But then added to that is the task of scheduling our various readers and tending to our myriad of communications needs-not to mention putting up with me. Christina manages all this work with such kindness and patience and precision. Last week's worship was a reflection of her many gifts, and I feel so fortunate to work with her. We all owe her a great thanks.

And finally, no retrospective of Holy Week would be complete without giving thanks for the talents and dedication of both Rodney and Tanya. Besides his wonderful musical talents, Rodney is so thoughtful and so attentive to every detail of worship. He makes for such a great partner as we plan our liturgies.

Likewise, it was a joy partnering with Tanya not just for Holy Week but for all of Lent. Besides the warmth and faith that she brought to our Holy Week, throughout Lent Tanya also organized and presided over the parish's Lenten blog (Thank you, blog writers!!!) and a Lenten Kid's Compline (assisted by Angie Howard-McParland)-both offerings new for St. Luke's. We are so fortunate to benefit from her considerable abilities.

Truth be told, a year ago, as we all celebrated Easter virtually, I found myself more relieved than uplifted. But last Sunday our Easter celebration felt more familiar and more joy-filled. It was the culmination of God's great work and our good works. And as I write this note my heart is full with both gratitude and hope.

Which leaves me wanting to shout again,  
"Alleluia. Christ is risen!"

Easter blessings,  
Tim

## This Sunday at St. Luke's

### The Second Sunday of Easter

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer:

Watch our worship service this weekend on our [Website](#), [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).

Livestream In-Person Services:

Our Livestream In-Person Services are also available on our Facebook Page. You don't have to have a Facebook account to join us. [Click Here](#) to access our page. If you have a Facebook account and you like our page, (click the button with the "thumbs up"), you'll be notified when our livestreams begin. It is our shared prayer and worship that binds us together as the body of Christ in this world, and we look forward to you joining us!

[Click Here](#) to download a copy of the parish prayer list.

The Rev. Tanya Watt, assistant rector, preaching

## Reopening Announcement

### **Father Tim Announces Our Reopening!**

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to St. Luke's!

Please [Click Here](#) to read Father Tim's Reopening Letter to the parish!

[Click Here](#) to view Father Tim's video message!

**To Sign Up for Sunday Services using Sign-Up Genius, please**  
**[Click Here!](#)** for our April Sign-Up Genius

We will also be using a QR Code for our Sunday Bulletin which can be scanned by using a SmartPhone! This will give worshipers the option to view our bulletin on their phone during Sunday Service or to print the bulletin and bring it to the church.

We will provide hard copies as well.

**Here Is The Sunday Bulletin QR Code:**



OR

[Click Here](#) to view our Sunday Bulletin!

## Adult Faith Formation

### Adult Faith Formation

Beginning April 14, the Adult Faith Formation Group will be reading *Love Is the Way*, by our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. About this book the Archbishop of Canterbury writes, "Drawing on his own life and experiences, (Curry) shows us that time and time again, when love is threatened by circumstances-- be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power-- that same love has the power to shine through."

Come and celebrate the Easter season with us by reflecting upon the power of this love to change our lives.

As in recent months, the class will meet over Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM. Please read Chapter 7 in preparation for our first meeting. And, as always, expense should be no obstacle to participation. If you need assistance in acquiring the book, let Tim or Tanya know.

We look forward to sharing the discussions with you!

Please [Click Here](#) to join! Please see below for meeting information:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

## Kid's Compline

### Kid's Compline Service via Zoom

We are offering a family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline, crafted especially with children in mind. Compline is a night prayer that marks the closing of the day. It's great to have the chance to pray and think about scripture together, and we'd love to have you join us!

[Click Here](#) to join the service! Meeting information is below:

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

## Pledge Envelopes

If you have requested pledge envelopes,

they are located in the atrium.

## Corporate Communion

### Corporate Communion Program

The Corporate Communion program at St. Luke's is about to begin.

Children understand the symbolism and significance of the Eucharist in ways that are often surprising and delightful. It is no wonder that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me!"

Since the 1991 *Prayerbook*, our church has lived into the theology that Baptism is full initiation into the Body of Christ, moving away from the idea that Confirmation and "understanding" are the bench marks for participation in the Eucharist.

Corporate Communion is a remarkable communion instruction, not preparation class. It is designed to offer age appropriate theology, liturgy and tradition to children.

Children are not the future of the church, they are the church today. This class honors their full membership in the Body of Christ, and equips us grownups for the vows we made at their Baptism that we would support them in their life in Christ.

Corporate Communion classes at St. Luke's will begin at 9am and will meet on the following dates:

5/2 Meet and Greet/Sharing a Meal  
5/9 Story Telling/These Holy Things  
5/16 Church Tour with Father Tim  
5/23 These Holy Things/Praying Together/Angel  
6/5 Rehearsal 12:00-1:00 and Ice Cream Social at St. Luke's  
6/6 Corporate Communion Celebration at the 10:15 service

We will meet downstairs in the dining room and will practice social distancing.

Please contact me at [theresa@stlukeseg.org](mailto:theresa@stlukeseg.org) for a registration form or call me at 415-233-0761 if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,  
Theresa Deiters Muscat

## Treasurer Announcement

### From The Treasurer!

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$113,826	\$116,000	98.13%	\$105,827	\$7,999
Loose Plate	\$1,549	\$3,600	43.03%	\$5,597	(\$4,048)
Other Personal Inc.	\$15,737	\$10,592	148.57%	\$15,198	\$539
Total Personal Inc.	\$131,112	\$130,192	100.71%	\$126,622	\$4,490
Total Other Inc	\$66,437	\$70,097	94.78%	\$4,255	\$62,182
Total Income	\$197,549	\$200,289	98.63%	\$130,877	\$66,672
Staff Expenses	\$72,533	\$74,795	96.98%	\$73,072	(\$539)
Facilities Expenses	\$13,231	\$19,170	69.02%	\$27,545	(\$14,314)
Program Expenses	\$2,489	\$5,750	43.29%	\$4,054	(\$1,565)
Outreach Expenses	\$1,769	\$369	479.40%	\$184	\$1,585
Total Expenses	\$105,403	\$113,400	92.95%	\$122,169	(\$16,766)
Net Income	\$92,146	\$86,889	106.05%	\$8,708	\$83,438

With a big thank you to all of you, we've had a strong start to 2021. Throw in the PPP loan and controlled spending, and we're right where we should be.

And can you sense the change in seasons? Optimism is in the air!

The weather is warming up, the vaccines are being rolled out, and we will be worshipping together on March 21.

Grace and Peace,  
Mike

## Women of Grace

### Women of Grace - April 12th Meeting Features Sacred Harp Music

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 12, at 7 pm** - please mark your calendars! We are excited to welcome Sally House and her daughter, Kelly House, who will be sharing their experience with and knowledge of Sacred Harp music. Sacred Harp, or shape-note music, is deeply rooted in American history, originating in New England between the late 1700s and early 1800s and carried on to the South. Please be sure to join us and invite friends to hear and learn about this inclusive form of singing and its resurgence today.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering opens with prayer and a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm! Please feel free to invite friends/family to join us and RSVP so that we will know when to start the discussion.

Please [Click Here](#) to join! Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 849 5830 9014  
Password: 301154

If you are not currently on our mailing list, please email Deborah Collins



## St. Luke's Yard Sale

# ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



Save the  
Date!

**MAY**

—  
**22**

—  
**2021**

**7AM TO  
NOON**

St. Luke's is taking part in the Annual Hill & Harbor Yard Sale!

We are looking for donations of gently used items such as toys, books, DVD's, clothing, tools, sporting equipment, home goods, small working appliances or electronics, and furniture.

We will be scheduling drop off times for your donations starting a week prior to the sale... so stay tuned!

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How else can you help?

We'll need volunteers to help sort/price items and work the day of the sale. We'll also need volunteers with trucks for clean-up and clear-out! A Sign-up Genius for volunteers will be distributed soon. Questions in the meantime go to:

**Jon Jacaruso at [jonjacaruso@live.com](mailto:jonjacaruso@live.com)**

## St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

### More Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Take a night off from cooking and raise funds for St. Luke's!

Treat yourself to takeout or delivery this month. Whether you're craving pasta, pizza, a

burger or something else, there's a gift card for every type of cuisine.



Add the RaiseRight app to your phone today and help raise additional funds for St. Luke's! Scan the QR code below to get more details on the app. Most importantly, when downloading the app, please enter the following enrollment code to specify St. Luke's as your charitable organization of choice: FEB88LAC73L81



Create opportunities for what matters most to you—right from your phone. Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's simply the right way to fundraise.



Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity to support St. Luke's!

Thank you,  
Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe  
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

## Pastoral Care

### Pastoral Care Ministry

**Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 1:00 pm via Zoom.**

**[Click Here](#) to join our meeting! See below for meeting details:**



**Meeting ID: 815 0533 2586**

**Passcode: 875054**

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and here in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this form, you will help us to keep in touch. [Click Here](#) for our Prayer List Request Form.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

## Handmade Crosses

### Handmade Crosses

Hi, my name is David Clifton. I have grown up here at St. Luke's. From being in the choir, to being part of the youth group, to going to ECC for many years, and to be able serve as an Acolyte on the alter. And through it all was my family (mom, dad, and 2 sisters) and my St. Luke's family (too many of you to list by name). When my dad passed away in 2018, I came to ask GOD and my St. Luke's family for support. That is when Fr. Tim, Fr. Dante, and our Deacon Christine became part of my family. And it was and still is being very supportive.

I took dad passing very hard, so to help myself get through that time, I had to put my creative mind to work. I had to find something that I could do. So I went to the internet, and starting looking at things that I could make. One thing caught my eye, it was a cross. Not an ordinary cross, but a cross that was made out of something that I had seen all the time growing up. The cross was made out of horseshoe nails. Yes, I said horseshoe nails, the nails that are used to put shoes on horses. The cross was called a "Disciple's Cross", it looked nice but I knew that with a little bit of extra work, I could make it something that dad would like. So, I got some supplies and I made two prototypes. I took them to church and showed them to the Deacon (who loved them) and who (at the time) 'BLESSED' them. I gave one to mom and I took the other one. At that time, I asked the clergy if they wanted one and what color(s) they wanted it to be. Now that is when things started to take off, the Deacon said that having the acolytes make their own cross would be another way to teach them about 'HOLY WEEK'. So a workshop was setup one Sunday after church and all of the acolytes each made their own cross. On Palm Sunday of 2019, Fr. Tim 'BLESSED' the acolytes' crosses and the crosses were then passed out to the acolytes. And it was a very nice site, to see something that I had helped the acolytes make, in the memory of dad, being wore around the necks of the acolytes on Easter Sunday 2019.

Every now and then, I end up making one for a friend of the family, or for a birthday present for a member of the church. Well, now I am writing this to ask any member of my church family, if they would like me to make them a cross. I have included a photo of a finished cross along with a QR code that you can scan to send me an email. Now Mother Tanya and the other Fr. Tim, have become part of our family and I have already made, had 'BLESSED', and delivered their crosses.

God be with you,  
David

*This Cross Belongs to Our Bishop*



## Property Committee

### **Property Monthly Meetings to Begin April 22**

As Spring begins to revitalize us, our gardens and indoor facility are also looking to be revitalized, repaired. We will begin meeting on Thursday, April 22, from 9:00-11:30 am. There will be no breakfast, but individual snacks will be available - please bring your own drink. Masks will be required to be worn both inside and outside.

All are welcome to come regardless of experience. We would love to see some new faces! Indoor tasks can range from simple cleaning to regluing baseboard protectors. Outdoors we will be mostly cleaning up from winter this month and preparing a few new beds for planting.

Questions can be addressed to Bob Brockway ([rwbrockway@verizon.net](mailto:rwbrockway@verizon.net)) for inside tasks; Cindi Lovejoy ([benem@cox.net](mailto:benem@cox.net)) for outdoor tasks (Jack Newton is still in Florida enjoying the sun but will be back next month).

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming Spring together!

## St. Luke's Feeding Ministries

### **St. Luke's Feeding Ministries Update!**

Like most other things, Covid restrictions have had an impact on the usual rhythm on Christ Community Kitchen (CCK), Lunch on The Hill (LOTH) and Loaves and Fishes (LFRI). Throughout the year the leadership of the feeding ministries have been collaborating in finding new ways to help our community and those in need. March was a very active month.



St. Luke's parishioners also provided support to the Sayles Street Shelter. A site that we have had a long relationship with through our LFRI runs. The shelter offers transitional housing along with a wide range of services and life skills training such as parenting support, employment training, GED, mental health and substance abuse counseling. Saint Luke's delivery of diapers, pull-ups, brushes, men's socks and deodorant, baby lotion, shampoo and kids' hair ties was deeply appreciated by those in the Shelter.

Our Feeding Ministries collaborated to provide sorely needed toiletries to the Community Care Alliance Program in Woonsocket. This non-profit program recently opened a drop-in center called Safe Haven. The center is located around the corner from the bus stop, a cornerstone of our monthly LFRI run for years. When they reached out through LFRI, we provided cases of toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene, hand towels, sanitizer, and wipes. Those who delivered the donations were inspired to see the wonderful work being done by Safe Haven and happy to reconnect with some of our LFRI friends.

Moving forward we are exploring how to build on these efforts with a vision of establishing ways of continuing our support on a regular basis. Keep an eye out for ways that you can be a part of these outreach efforts. As details are available, we plan on reaching out through SignUpGenius for your help.

If you would like additional information, feel free to reach out to the Feeding Ministries through the office.

## **St. Luke's Choirs**

### **St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!**

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video (also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).



St. Luke's Choirs Sing For You!

## Big Brothers and Big Sisters

### Big Brothers and Big Sisters Donations

In our continuing efforts to be a good neighbor and serve our local community, we have added a new addition to the St Luke's parking lot! The clothing bin is a result of joining in a new partnership between the Episcopal Diocese and Big Brother Big Sister of Rhode Island. It will serve as a collection point for community donations of clothing, shoes and other cloth items. Please drop off your bagged items at your convenience.



## Especially for Children

To watch Godly Play online please [Click Here!](#)

## Food Cupboard

Greetings from our Food Cupboard!



We are reaching out to update you on some of our needs during this challenging time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our families that they are able to stay healthy and safe.

Please consider donating these items:

Canned mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, chicken and beef stock, hash, kidney beans, Italian dressing, ranch dressing, vegetable oil, regular instant coffee, and beef and chicken gravy.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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