

April 7, 2016

The Shepherd

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Around the Parish Yard:

St. Luke's is a unique place that is dear to Sea Cliff. It is also a legacy that we have inherited from those who came before us. Our church is known as a haven of gracious hospitality, while possessing the deep spiritual awareness that supports individuals on differing paths to God. Our talents are as varied as the people God sends us; and I am reminded often of how fortunate we are in this diversity.

In the coming months we will be striving to enjoy the summer, our families and friends. I urge all to continue in our worship together on a regular basis; supporting the good things that come with prayer, reflection, celebration, progress and humor. All these things are rooted by the foundation of being 'present at worship together'. For our Christian life to be compelling, pertinent, interesting and enjoyable; we need to be together on in our spiritual journey.

You will notice that we have put many new prayer books and hymnals back into the pews. The leadership of Mr. Jack Pierce, along with the support we received from our members made this possible.

We are continuing our project to restore the Rose Window. This significant project moves forward in a big way during summer. The new tempered glass coverings for the stained glass windows will be completed and attached in May. We are also attending to much needed masonry work on the church. Areas below the sacristy, on steps, walkways and rectory needed attention. Also, our columbarium landscaping will be planted in the third week of May.

As we move through spring, summer and towards the latter part of this year, I ask you to continue your vital financial support to maintain the parish legacy we inherited. I also ask that you continue in prayer for one another as well as for Betty and me.

The love and affection of heaven be with you...

David†

Upcoming Events:

April 16 – Paint Night Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child

April 17 – Vestry Meeting

April 30 – Sea Cliff Beautification Plant Sale

May 8 – Mother's Day Luncheon

Vestry Meeting

Our Vestry will meet in the Rector's Office next Sunday, April 17 following the 10:00 am service.

Help us get the word out about St. Luke's



In an effort to better inform the community about all we do here at St. Luke's, **we will be operating an information table at the Farmer's Market this Summer.** We will be handing out brochures about

our parish and offering a free raffle of a plant each week. Please look for the sign-up sheet to volunteer for a Saturday (June-August 10am-12pm) to sit at our St. Luke's Table.

Garage Sale Day

St. Luke's will be participating in the Village's annual Garage Sale Day in June. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Bruce Treiber at 659-4113. We will be happy to make arrangements to move large items if needed. **Please do not leave donations at the church without making prior arrangements with Bruce.**



Mutual Concerns Food Pantry

Our local food pantry desperately needs donations of food and paper goods to help local families in need. Donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Please check the expiration dates – the pantry cannot accept expired food.



Sunday School Community Project



Our Sunday School is working with the Sea Cliff Methodist Church to support "**Operation Christmas Child.**" Each family in our congregation is

asked to donate one shoe box filled with toys and necessities. The shoe boxes will be delivered to the Methodist Church in November to be shipped off to an orphanage overseas. For more information, contact Laura Franco or Kristine Janusas.

Paint Night – Saturday, April 16

The United Methodist Church is hosting a fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child. Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends for some creative fun! Think WARM as you paint a beautiful SUMMER inspired canvas painting through step-by-step group instruction guided by an instructor with a fine arts degree. Individual instruction will be given as well! For information contact Laura Franco or Kristine Janusas.

Prayer Books and Hymnal Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated new Prayer Books and Hymnals for our church! They look great and will make it much easier for everyone to follow the service. A special thank you to **Jack Pierce** for his leadership for this project!

Jam and Jelly Jar Recycling

Please help the Fall Bazaar Committee by recycling your empty jam and jelly jars. Clean jars can be washed and returned to the Parish Kitchen to be used again next year!



Contact persons for concerns...

We are seeking to make clear to all in our parish who is the responsible contact person for the following:

- Building Projects & Maintenance.....Mr. Bruce Treiber (516) 659-4113
- Custodial Issues.....Mr. Jack Pierce (516) 790-9253
- Treasurer Related.....Ms. Janette Heurtley (516) 639-1492
- Altar Guild (Flowers, etc.).....Ms. Lanie Ganzenmuller (516) 816-3291
- Office Management/Bookkeeping.....Ms. Debra Thoet (516) 676-4222

General Questions: Wardens and Vestry

- Wardens.....Nancy H. Rose and Lanie Ganzenmuller
- VestryBryan Anthony, Andrew Baltz, Janette Heurtley, Kristine Janusas, Linda Parsons, Rich Salditt, Bruce Treiber, Vivienne Smith, Salvatore Spina
- Pastoral Care/Liturgy.....Father David+ (516) 676-4211

April Birthdays

"Happy, Happy Birthday from all of us to you!"



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- 7 Darlene Bunce
- 10 Kirk Kordeleski
- 13 Tiffany Baltrus
- 14 Thomas Baltrus III
- 14 Ashleigh Treiber
- 14 David Trotta
- 15 Meryl Kuti
- 18 Alexandra Milowski
- 18 Christopher Pierce
- 23 Nancy Rose
- 26 Geoffrey Kappenberg
- 30 Judith Schneider

Coffee Hour

We hope you will join us for coffee hour immediately following the 10:00 am service every Sunday. Thank you to all who have done this year after year for our St. Luke's family. Several Sundays in April are still open with nobody having volunteered. If you would consider volunteering for these Sunday Coffee Hours, it would be greatly appreciated.



Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Light



Bulletin Memorials are an important way to commemorate loved ones, family and friends. Your message is posted in the weekly bulletin. These memorials help us defray the costs for altar flowers and sanctuary candles. Many dates are available – please contact the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a date for a memorial.

St. Luke's Thrift Shop

Good quality clothing is needed. Costume jewelry is a very popular item. Donations may be dropped off at the Thrift Shop, Tuesdays between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm or placed outside the Thrift Shop door anytime. Please no books, cassettes or video tapes!

April Anniversaries



April 3: Debbie and Jack Pierce
*Congratulations on your
40th Wedding Anniversary!*

April 30: Judith and Matthew Schneider



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The next issue of the Shepherd will publish May 4. If you have something you would like to have published, please contact the Parish Office at 676-4222 or stlukesseacliff@optimum.net. **Please note:** If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact the Parish Office so we can update our records.

Welcome Spring!



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