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## *The Shepherd*

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## Around the Parish Yard:

St. Luke's, is a place that is dear to each of us, to our families. To our friends and this community in which we live. There is much being undertaken here at the parish that will alter the look and feel of the parish in the days ahead. I want to cover some of them.

First, let me urge each of you to strive and enjoy the summer ahead of us with your families and friends. But while we are standing down for a bit... I ask all of us to continue in worshiping together on a regular basis; supporting the good things that come with prayer, reflection, celebration, progress and humor. These things are the foundation of being 'present at worship together'. When any of us are absent for worship on Sunday's you are missed by our community of friends and the Lord. 'Community' in the Christian life is what makes our faith compelling, pertinent, interesting, enjoyable and authentic. We look forward to seeing you at church this summer.

In that light, this summer we are continuing with our project to restore the Rose Window. We have this last effort to achieve full-restoration of our windows. We have half of the money necessary to finish. Yet, we need to raise a final \$10,000. Please consider giving for this.

We also just finished re-roofing the section of roof that joined the Church & Parish Hall on the Adam's Street side of the plant. This area had been a recurring problem for years with extensive leakage every time it rained or snowed. It is now fixed. Thanks goes to Shaun Convey of 'Summit Roofing'. (As a follow on to this, the damaged interior hallway ceiling extending from the stairway from the Adam's Street doors, up through the hallway to the sacristy, will also be fully renovated including new lighting fixtures by 'JDN Carpentry' during summer as well).

After a joint effort by many individuals, we were able to find the funds to make the upstairs parish hall bathrooms compliant with the 'American Disabilities Act' (ADA). Five bids were solicited, three contractors submitted bids for review, and a final decision was made to accept the bid of 'McGrady Plumbing' on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Demolition, construction, and finishing will begin on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and continue until Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. This capital project will provide a much needed improvement to the parish. And last, but-not-least...please take-notice of how improved and beautiful our grounds have become by way of the efforts of Anne & Andy Baltz. When you see them, say thanks.

In conclusion, as each of us move through the Summer, I ask you to continue to attend to your spiritual health by attending worship, your good humor by being in community together, and maintaining your financial support for St. Luke's. Please continue to pray for one another, and for Betty and me. Support our mutual ministries in a world that needs the presence of Christ, while enjoying the Summer before you!

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

*David+*

## Don't miss our Sunday School Awards on June 4

Our Summer Worship schedule begins on June 11 - 9:00 am Service only

**Vestry Meeting...**The Vestry will meet on **Sunday, May 21** in the Rector's office following the 10:00 am service.

**Daughters of the King...** The next meeting of the Daughters of the King will be **June 5 at 7:00 pm** in the Rector's Office.



**Garage Sale...**St. Luke's will be holding a garage sale during the Village's annual Garage Sale Day on **Saturday, June 3**. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to our collection room (in the basement across from the Library) by May 31. Items should be functioning and clean.

**Volunteers are also needed to help on June 2 and June 3.** Please sign up on sheet in the parish hall.

Questions or need items to be picked up? Contact Bruce Treiber (brucetreib@aol.com) or Anne Baltz (bklyn492@gmail.com)

**King Kullen Receipts...**If you shop at King Kullen, please drop your receipts at our Parish Office. We receive a 1% refund of the net total of all receipts we collect and return from the Glen Cove store. Every little bit helps!



**Window Restoration Project...**Thanks so much to everyone who helped make it possible for us to remove the old, opaque coverings from our stained glass windows and replace them with clear glass. This project greatly improved the appearance of the church, both inside and out, and, more importantly, will enable future generations to appreciate our beautiful, historic windows.



We now must address our **Rose Window**. The window is leaking and must be repaired and protected from the elements. We hope you will support this project by making a designated donation to repair the Rose Window. We appreciate your help in serving as good stewards of our beloved historic building. We currently have \$10,500 in committed funds. The completion of the Rose Window will require another \$10,000 in contributions.

**Bathroom Renovation...**The contractor will begin on **Monday, July 31** and all work will be completed by **September 4**. During this period the bathrooms downstairs will be our only facilities.



**St. Luke's Thrift Shop...** Good quality clothing is needed. 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!

**Food Pantry...**Our local food pantry is in need of donations of food, paper goods and personal care items. Donations can be left in the basket in the rear of the church.



**May Birthdays**

*"Happy, happy birthday from all of us to you!"*



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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4 Richard Salditt    | 20 Jonathan Bunce      |
| 4 Hannah Webb        | 20 Christopher Janusas |
| 7 Allison Black      | 21 Christopher Flatley |
| 10 Salvatore Spina   | 26 Lois North          |
| 15 Kelly Treiber     | 26 Catherine Swanson   |
| 17 Evelyn Pierce     | 27 Bruce Treiber       |
| 19 Nigel Hawkins     | 29 Elena Regan         |
| 19 Gretchen Waechter | 30 Nora Tastensen      |



**Happy Anniversary!**

- 17 Diane and Glen Bunce
- 24 Marianne and Igor Webb
- 26 Audrey and Joe Rydzewski



**Altar Flowers/Sanctuary Light 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.

**Coffee Hour...**follows the 10:00 am service every Sunday. During coffee hour you will enjoy light snacks and refreshments while catching up with family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome.



Volunteers are needed – there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please consider a Sunday!



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