From the Rector

Happy Easter! Yes the day was last month but the season of Easter goes into June. It was a beautiful and very holy, Holy Week and Easter Day here. My thanks to the members of the Altar Guild who had our church ready for each and every service. The choir sang beautifully enriching our worship. Rosalie DiSimone and our Jewish spouses led another incredible seder with over 40 people in attendance. Thank you also to Frank Fernandez who built and donated a “hearse” for our use in Ten-ebrae. It was giving in loving memory of Audray Noyes. What truly made the week though for me was the people who came and took part in what was offered. I hope if you were at any of the services your faith was strengthened. As I said Easter will continue this month. Also the search for our next organist has begun, with a job description distributed throughout “organist” circles. Please hold the work of the committee in your prayers.

We are also very much aware of the hatred that continues to infect our world and erupts in violent acts in houses of worship. None of the three Western religions, Islam, Judaism and Christianity, has been spared. I am know my heart breaks for those faith communities that have been directly impacted, the mosque in New Zealand, the churches in Louisiana and Sri Lanka, and the synagogue in San Diego. There is no justification for violence in the name of “God.” And while we may feel helpless to stop crazy zealots, we can do our part to speak up when we hear people speaking in derogatory words against our fellow human beings. However small our circle of influence is, that is where Jesus is asking us to witness. And to believe his call to “fear not.”

May this Eastertide be joyful for you and those you love,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed+
Order your St. Luke’s Shirts & Aprons Today!

Polo Shirt - $21*
- Color: Deep Royal Blue
- One-side, one-color printing
- 50/50 cotton poly (made with 5% recycled bottles)
- Tagless

T-Shirt - $21*
- Color: Royal Blue
- Two-side, three-color printing
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Apron - $25
- Color: Red
- 100% cotton twill
- Soil release finish
- Three pouch pockets and pen pocket
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Support Hot Meals Ministry with your Apron Purchase!
All proceeds from apron sales go to feeding those in need.

*Note: Shirts will only raise funds if we sell a large number (it is proportional to how many we sell).

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28 – Ann Marie Stone
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27– Angel & Beverly Hernandez
Meet Ove. He’s a curmudgeon— behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidently flatten Ove’s mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents’ association to their very foundations.” Please join us on Friday, May 31st at 7 pm when we discuss this “feel good” story, A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. You don’t know what you’re missing!
The Schola Cantorum (School of Singing), St. Luke’s youth choir program, will be hosting its annual Coffee House on June 8th. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Conceived in 2015 by the Schola’s first Head Chorister, the Coffee House continues to be our most significant fundraiser. Monies raised from this event form the primary funding for our recording projects.

There are many ways you can support this event:

We are looking for people to perform at the Coffee House. Please contact Tammy Fighera and/or Julia Jenson in person, by text, or at CoffeeHouse@StLukesMetuchen.org no later than May 25th if you can support us in this way. (If you perform, you get in free!)

We need donations of baked goods, finger foods, and beverages for the Coffee House. While there is an admission charge of $7.00 for the event, food and beverages are complimentary. St. Luke’s has many gifted bakers among its congregants, and they have contributed most generously in the past (and I hope will this year, also). However, food need not be home-made; store-bought snacks go over very well, too. Individual bags of chips and canned or boxed beverages are always appreciated, as are bake-and-serve hors d’oeuvres, and vegetable or fruit trays.

WE NEED AN AUDIENCE! Please come out to support our Choristers!
Coffee House

Looking for Additional Performers for Saturday June 8th

6:30 pm
Fryer Hall
St. Luke’s Church
17 Oak Avenue
Metuchen
Parking entrance on Oak Ave

Fifth Annual Open Mic/Talent Showcase to benefit
The Schola Cantorum Interfaith Youth Choir of St. Luke’s

We are looking for additional performers to come share their talent—Singing, Dancing, Instrument playing, Readings & more! All performers must be registered. Be a part of this fun evening of song, talent, finger foods, sweets & refreshments!

Performer’s admission is FREE; Non-performer admission is $7 per person. Invite your friends & family!

If you would like to perform, contact
Julia Jenson (848.482.9631) or Tammy Fighera (732.778.8752)
CoffeeHouse@StLukesMetuchen.org no later than May 25th
SCENCES FROM HOLY WEEK EASTER 2019
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The following policy was put in place by the Vestry in October 2016;

When you spend your own money on behalf of Saint Luke’s with the intent of seeking reimbursement please follow the following protocols;

1Get a detailed receipt that identifies the item you purchased for Saint Luke’s.
2Make a copy of the receipt and circle the item(s) for which you are seeking reimbursement.
3On the receipt, print your name and the reason for the purchase.
4Complete a Request for Reimbursement form. These forms are available in the Parish Office.
5Staple the receipt to the request form.
6Give your completed form to the Parish Secretary.

Some additional information:
Any requests for reimbursement must be made within 45 days of the original purchase. The Treasurer has published the check disbursement schedule which you can access through the Parish Secretary. Prior to checks being written, one of the Wardens will review all disbursement requests for approval. Reimbursement checks will be written as part of the regular disbursement schedule.

For March, reimbursements must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 8 & 22, 2019.

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