From the Rector:

The past month was filled with quite a bit of activity.

We blessed backpacks and book bags as students and staff return to school. Thank you to George Poppe and the Vestry for a great luncheon and presentation on the Capital projects and the Capital fund. We had a beautiful day for our picnic. Thank you to John and Tammy Fighera who chaired it and to all who brought food to share. Nails in the Wall Gallery a Ministry of St. Lukes had its Fall exhibition opening which was well attended. The artwork is spectacular as always. I commend a walk through it if you haven't already done so. We celebrated the baptism of Ivy Jude LeGrand, daughter of Kasi LeGrand and also the wedding of Mark Harris and Deb Kmetz. To cap it all off was the triumphant return of the stained glass windows. They look stunning.

October looks to be just as busy. By now the Pumpkin Patch is up and running and hopefully many of you will give an hour or more to helping to make this fundraiser a success. It is also true that this is a great way to get folks to learn more about our church. I often run into people who say "oh you are the church with the Pumpkins." And while that’s true there is more to us as a faith community than that.

I’m looking forward to our annual Pet Blessing service on Sunday October 6. As always dogs on leashes and cats and other pets in appropriate carry cases. Also you can bring just a picture of your pet if they don’t transport well or to many other animals makes them nervous. And do tell your friends about it as well.

The Halloween Party will be on Saturday October 19. Maddie Grosso is heading it up this year and there is more information in this Newsletter. On Sunday October 20 we will observe our Patronal Feast and following the 10 am service we will again honor our nonagenerians. The list has sadly gotten a little smaller and some are not able to be with us physically, but we have a few new folks.

We will also be saying thank you and farewell to Alexander Bui following the 10 am service. As I said in my letter to the congregation he has been a blessing to us this past year. Giving us the space to think about what the Music Ministry of this parish should be and his good nature and can do attitude were a blessing to me. I am blessed to know him.

I hope to see many of you in church during the coming month. We are blessed and strengthened by your presence.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ed
October

1 – Andrew Bilgrav
3 – Frank Fernandez
4 – Marilyn Latham
6 – Carla Elfeld Smith
7 - Chantal Craft-Pollen
7 – Elisabeth Yesalavich
8 – Katherine Young
9 – Alberto Garcia
9 – Charles Higgins
10 – Noah Bilgrav
11 – Michael Zelley
13 – Silvia Taylor
14 – Navin Sinha
15 – Victor Zambrano
16 – Colin Yerger
17 – Charlotte Gudorp
20 – Monica Tramontin
23 – Mary Fasano
23 – John Maresca
23 – Jacob Lucas
27 – Beverly
   Dunn- Hernandez
27 – Sean Rivera
29 – Robert Vemilyer
31 – Don Siegel

October

1 – David & Larissa Bednar
1 – Joseph & Cynthia Mauro
11 – Peter & Nancy Cornell
13 – Adam & Becky Moroz
13 – Don & Karen Siegel
16 – Marty Indik & Geralyn Hearn
21 – Higor & Lauren Andrade
26 – Tommy Lee & Claudia Cho
27 – John & Tammy Fighera
Housewares u collectibles u furniture u glassware u toys u clothing u and much more!

Bargains galore on lots of great stuff | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Avenue, corner of Middlesex Avenue (Rt. 27)

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

PARISH PICNIC 9/15/19
St. Luke’s Christmas Fair

While we still have time, let’s think about the 2019 St. Luke’s Christmas Fair which is coming up December 6. In order for the Fair to be a success we will need participation from all members of the St. Luke’s parish. There are many things that parish members can do to insure the success of the Fair. We need volunteers to decorate for the Fair, work behind the St. Luke’s tables at the Fair and clean up after the Fair.

We need donations of items that you no longer need for the Trinkets and Treasures Table. Also, we need items for raffle baskets or preferably complete baskets for the Basket Raffle. Finally, we will need baked goods for St. Luke’s outstanding Bake Table. None of these things take a lot of time and the rewards are great.

Although the Fair Committee is working on finding vendors and have had a good response from many who have participated in past years we still have room for more. If you know anyone who does crafts, especially crafts that we have not had in recent fairs, please let me know or tell them to contact Debbie in the St. Luke’s office or me. All vendors who came to recent fairs are being contacted automatically.

If you have any suggestions to improve the Fair, please contact me or a member of the Fair Committee. The members of the Fair Committee are Florence Tracy, Joan McNulty, Diane Lebida, Brenda Yuro, Ann Marie Stone and John Sharp. If you would like to be a member of the Fair Committee, please contact me. Thank you for your help.

Sarah Muccifori for the Fair Committee (732-549-8518 and mucificori@aol.com)

I VY LEGRAND BAPTISM

WELCOME ALLIE GRAHAM HICKS

LADIES LUNCHEON

MARK AND DEBBIE’S WEDDING
I wish to thank everyone who attended our luncheon at The Pines Manor this past Sunday. I hope you found the time spent as worthwhile and informative.

As a Parishioner of St. Luke’s you should be aware of the major changes taking place and how we are going to fund those changes.

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the various ways an individual can participate in assisting in contributing to the funding.

This contribution can be made today or many years in the future depending on how it’s being set up and what assets are being used to fund the donation.

Again thank you so very much for being an important part of St. Luke’s.

George F. Poppe III, CLU, LUTCF, LACP

732-494-8337 x450
ZOMBIES + ZITI
HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 19TH * 5-9 PM/FRYER HALL
Music to please ALL
Dinner starts at 5:30
ADULTS: $10.00
KIDS: $5.00

PUT YOUR COSTUME ON & JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN!

Menu - Unlimited Ziti, salad & dessert! Kids menu - Chicken fingers, veggies, fries

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Support St. Luke’s through your everyday & gift Purchases from Amazon.com

All you need to do is go to our website, www.stlukesmetuchen.org and click on the logo at the bottom right of the page. This will take you to the Amazon website where a percentage of everything you order during that session will be credited to St. Luke’s. This includes the purchase of items, gift cards, digital music, digital books, magazine subscriptions and much more. Please note, you need to come back to www.stlukesmetuchen.org for every order to click on the link to Amazon again for a portion of your next order to go to St. Luke’s. If you do not use Amazon, share this with your friends and family who do and ask them to help you support St. Luke’s.

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;

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