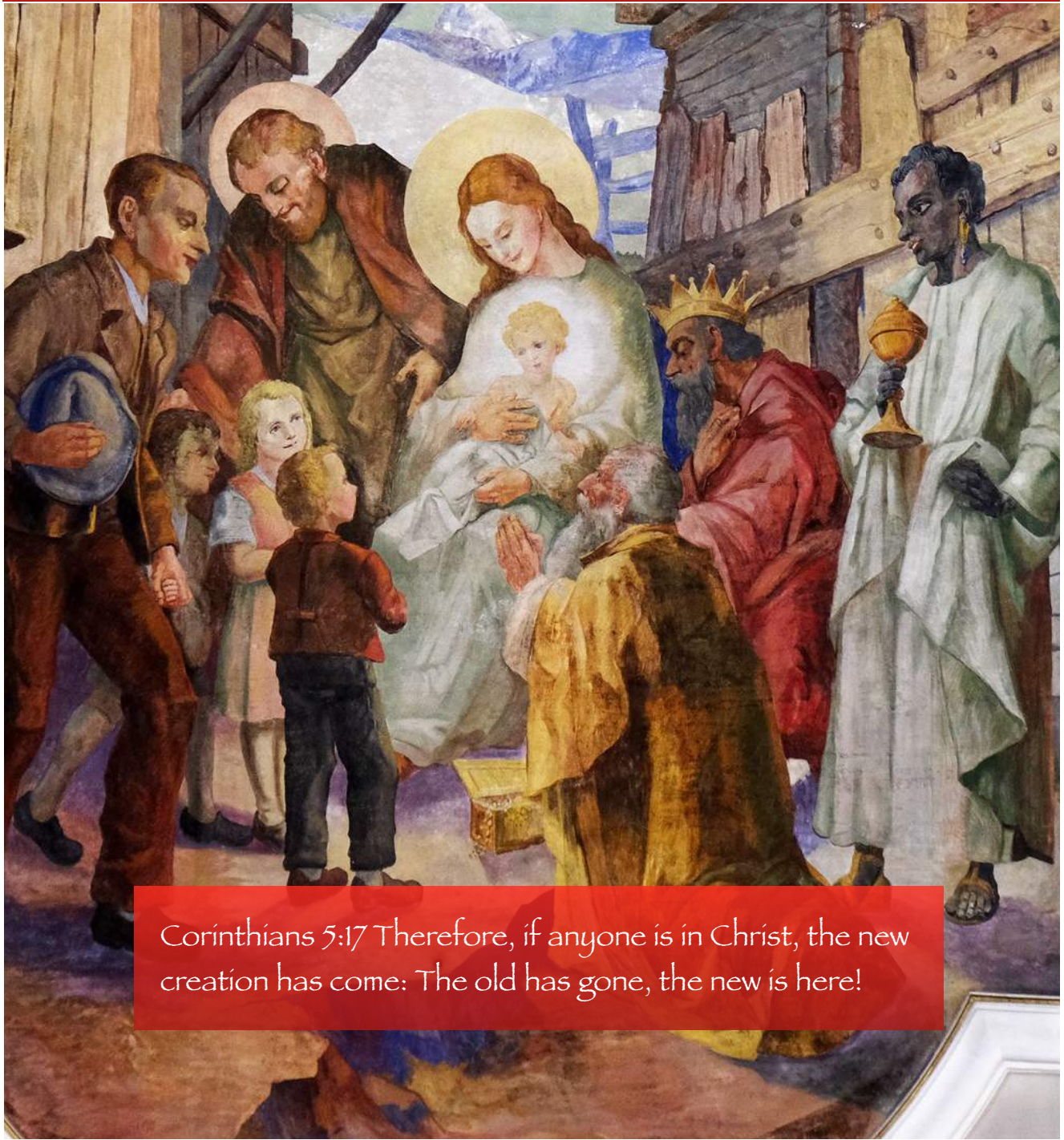


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Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!



## Wardens Report

As we look forward to what 2020 will bring, we can reflect on our 2019 accomplishments. We have completed several successful fundraisers. In the spring we had a chicken and biscuit dinner, in June we had our annual Bake and Treasure sale, and in November we had our pork dinner and silent auction.

We've run a successful Capital Campaign so far, and one of the first major projects has been completed. Our new parking lot really spruces up the look of our property. In 2020 more funds for the Capital Campaign will come in and we can tackle some of the other necessary projects to maintain the church and rectory. The parish roof will be evaluated to determine how soon we will have to tackle this improvement.

Other projects that the Capital Campaign will fund are the second bathroom in the Genesee entrance, work on the closet in the Sacristy, and cabinets for the rectory kitchen as the current cabinets are aged and sagging.

Our long time parish administrator Cathy Martin has retired. She was with us for 23 years and we wish her a long and happy retirement. We welcome our new administrator Sara. We have some new faces in our congregation this year, we are growing little by little. Hopefully, our growth will continue.

We are looking forward to 2020 and another successful and faith filled year.

Bob and Eileen

## Outreach

Our Thanksgiving food drive and mitten tree collection were a great success. The

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folks from St. Charles always tell us that we donate more food than their own folks. We collected a total of 345 items from the Mitten tree. We collected 87 hats, 64 pairs of gloves, 35 pair of mittens 8 scarves, 3 mitten and hat sets, 1 pair of earmuffs and 147 pairs of socks. We split the socks up between St. Charles and In My Father's Kitchen.

Our Christmas Project was a \$500.00 donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and a collection of twin size bedding. Sleep in Heavenly Peace makes twin size beds for children from 3 to 17 who sleep on the floor, must share a bed or sleep on a piece of furniture. The Syracuse chapter covers Onondaga and Madison counties. The chapter was 1 year old in October and had already fulfilled over 600 beds. Currently, there is a backlog of 500 bed requests. The estimated need in the 2 counties that SHP covers is approximately 4500 beds.

The Syracuse chapter of SHP has a shop where they hold a build every other Wednesday evening and they also travel around the area and work with

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# A Word

Happy New Year to you all!

2020 seems such a fantastically futuristic date, and yet, here it is! I am looking forward to the new opportunities and relationships this new year might bring. Christmas reminds us of the power in hope, Epiphany (Jan 6) reminds us of the importance of sharing that hope with the whole world.

We are entering onto our 55th year as a community of faith dedicated to sharing the good news of Christ and continuing the ministries of Jesus in our local community. I wish you all to know God's blessing in this new year and I pray it is a year filled with more joys than sorrows for us all.





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organizations that volunteer to build beds.

We supplied 13 pillows, 19 twin size sheet sets, 6 bed in a bag (comforter, pillow sham, twin sheets and 1 pillow case), 10 blankets and 1 comforter.

We thank you all for your generosity. Our Outreach programs would not be a success without all of you.

Due to the holidays  
January's First Thursday  
Dinner will be postponed to  
January 9.

## January: a Great Time to Join St. Luke's Choir

January is a great time to try singing with St. Luke's Choir. We'll be learning all-new music for an all-new season. We're a friendly group that welcomes anyone who loves to sing. We believe that our music doesn't have to be perfect—just faithful. Singing to God's glory is a beautiful experience!

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15. If you have questions, talk to Cheryl Neff Lorenz—or anyone else who sings in Choir. We'd love to have some new singers!



## New Community Class in Qigong

A new community class in qigong will be starting up at St. Luke's with an 8-week session commencing this January 16. Qigong is a Chinese system of health and well-being, consisting of breathing and simple movement exercises; there are some commonalities with Tai Chi, though the movements are simpler. Classes are open to everyone; no experience is necessary. The classes are being held Thursday evenings 7-8 pm, and you can drop in anytime. The first class is free, after which there is a suggested donation of \$5/class (a portion of which will go back to the church). Classes will be led by Ralph Lorenz, a certified group practice leader in Spring Forest Qigong. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph at [rlorenzmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:rlorenzmusic@yahoo.com) or 330-283-5290. The classes will be welcoming and fun!





**A delightful Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols** was held on December 8 at St James' in Skaneateles, featuring a 40-voice choir from the combined choirs of St James'; St Luke's, Camillus; St. John's, Marcellus; and St. Peter and John, Auburn.



### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Nancy (daughter of Marge & Alan Harvey) and Kevin who were married on a beautiful (and cold!) Saturday afternoon alongside Skaneateles Lake with Fr Jon presiding.



### **Happy Retirement to Cathy Martin**

December 19 was Cathy Martin's last day as Parish Administrator after 23 years. On her last day, several people stopped in to wish her well. It was a special delight to see Julie Calhoun-Bryant, former rector of St Luke's who originally hired Cathy!





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**WARRANT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF  
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CAMILLUS, NEW YORK  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

On January 26 the Annual Meeting will begin at 12:00pm per New York State Incorporation Law, and in accordance with Diocesan Canon Law.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect one warden for a two year term.
2. Elect 3 vestry persons, for two years, each for a term of three years.
3. Receive Annual reports of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer/Finance, Altar Guild, Buildings and Grounds, Fellowship, Music, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Vital Signs and Fundraising.

Qualifications to vote are, you must be 18 years of age, belonging to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Camillus, New York with registry of baptism on record at St. Luke's, financially support the ministry of St. Luke's, and having been in regular attendance at least 12 months prior to January 26, 2020. These qualifications are in accordance with the laws of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Central New York, and the canons of St. Luke's Church.

Alison Conley  
Clerk of the Vestry  
January 2020

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# THANKS & PRAYERS

## **We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...**

Don, Elizabeth, Helen, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Shirley, Carol, Mary, Fran Smith, Kathleen, Joanne and Densie Hart, Dick Chrisfield, David Hoare, Marilyn, Tish, and Mary Kate

*Note: Call the church office to add anyone to our Sunday prayer list. However, the name will stay on for only one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.)*

## **Also members of the armed forces:**

Zeke Dodd, Tyler Pledger and Ryan Sorotkin

*(Note: We will continue to pray for our loved ones serving in the military, but only for those who are deployed in harm's way. Please call the church office to submit a name.)*

## **Happy Birthday**

- 2 Dawn Latter
- 8 Hannah Stevenson
- 11 Bambi Carkey
- 16 Virginia Unckless
- 21 Olivia Snyder
- 22 Reginald Smith
- 29 Marie Tackman



## **Happy Anniversary**

- 14 Ralph and Cheryl Lorenz

## **New Year's Prayer**

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. ... May your **year** be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful **new year**.



# Christmas Eve champagne and chocolate celebration



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