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Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him
Psalm 37:7



Warden's Message

With the increasing rate of Covid-19 infections, the Bishop has decided that we will pause in person worship. The good news is that a vaccine for Covid-19 is being distributed. Hopefully, before the end of 2021 we will be back in Church for worship.

The repairs to the foundation have been completed. Bob has spoken to a contractor regarding the remodel of the second bathroom. With the added burden of the necessary precaution due to the pandemic, Partners in Parenting will hire someone to do the painting in the parish hall that they hoped to do themselves. We have passed a recent fire inspection.

We have purchased a new laptop computer for our Parish administrator to use. It was time to upgrade to keep up with changing technology.

Hopefully, you all had a Merry, safe and healthy Christmas.

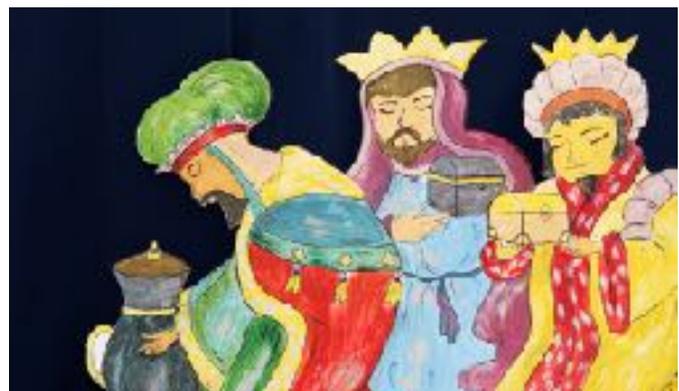
Blessing to you all,
Bob and Eileen

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Annual Meeting

Because of the restrictions around the coronavirus, we will be unable to hold our annual meeting in the usual way. New York law, though, does not allow us to take a pass either, so we will be working out how to hold a virtual annual meeting in 2021.

The diocese has offered some guidance and practical advice which our vestry will be looking at as we make our plans. Please keep a look out for more information in the coming weeks.





A Word

We have already entered into the new Christian year with the coming of Advent, but now we get to finally say a long-awaited goodbye (more likely, good riddance) to 2020. When I was quite young there was a Saturday morning cartoon on called SeaLab2020 which imagined an undersea colony in the far distant future of 2020. I think spending the last year under the ocean might have been preferable in many ways (and I speak with some experience on this).



Nevertheless, here we are. There is great hope in the vaccines brought about in remarkable short order and I intend to get one when I can though I am not a priority so it may be a while yet. There is still much to lament on our way to the promised future where Covid is a receding threat.

The greatest gift that God has bestowed on us through Christ though is the possession of hope. Powered by faith and enacted through our loving response to the world; only God's hope has the power to carry us through whatever trials we will face.

How appropriate then, that the first vaccinations are beginning at Christmas, that bright shining ray of hope. A sure and certain sign of God's love for us; Christ is a promise delivered and a promise given.

As we enter into this new year, let us keep awake, eyes open and alert for the signs of God's entering into the world so that we might join our selves to the Lord's efforts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OUTREACH



This year Outreach sent a \$500.00 donation to the Central New York Diaper Bank.

We have delivered small Christmas gifts of magnetic bookmarks to Meals on Wheels for distribution to their clients.

With the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine, hopefully, we will be able to have a Bake and Treasure sale sometime in 2021.

Stewardship

A big thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the parish for 2021 by sending in your estimate of giving cards. If you've been meaning to but still haven't done so – it's never too late! We're encouraging everyone to give online, which you can do from our website (www.stlukescamillus.com). And of course, checks are perfectly acceptable as well if you'd rather not use the online system. So, far commitments are running close to last years and we will have a final tally ready for the Annual Report later in January.



Bible Study: Join us for Bible Study Mondays at 6:00pm. [Use Zoom to connect.](#)

Circle of Prayer: Circle of Prayer continues every Thursday morning at 10:00. We pray wherever we are, knowing we're together in the Spirit! Contact Cheryl Neff Lorenz or Betsy Shake with any questions or concerns. If you're taking part in Circle of Prayer and would like to be included in emails, please let Cheryl know (cnltrek@yahoo.com).

Qigong: Online Zoom practice sessions in qigong are continuing

Thursday evenings 7-8pm. Qigong is a system of simple breathing and movement exercises designed to enhance well-being. There is no cost for classes in the current session. If interested, contact Ralph Lorenz for further information, at rlorenzmusic@yahoo.com or 330-283-5290.





Bishop Coming to St Luke's

Our bishop, the Rt Rev DeDe Duncan-Probe (that's pronounced pro-bee, BTW) will be joining us for her regular visit on February 7th. She will be joining us virtually on Zoom, even if we have returned to having some folks in the sanctuary by then. She has decided that to minimize the potential for her to spread the coronavirus, all her visits will be virtual at the current time.

In our tradition, the bishop is seen as the inheritor of the ministry of the apostles; in the words of their ordination vows, to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church. One of the ways she fulfills those vows is to set a schedule of regular visits to all the parishes of the diocese. The diocese of Central New York has over 80 parishes so the bishop usually is only able to visit each one once every three years.



I hope you will join me on February 7th to welcome Bishop DeDe to St Luke's and share in worship together.

Sherry Brescia's Eggnog

13 large eggs at room temperature

3/4 cup sugar, divided

1 cup bourbon whiskey

1/2 cup rum

1 1/2 cups milk

2 cups heavy cream

Separate eggs and place in 2 large mixing bowls. Add 6 tablespoons sugar to each bowl.

Beat egg yolks and sugar until thick and deep yellow. Add bourbon, rum and milk and stir well. Pour mixture into punch bowl.

Beat egg whites and sugar until very soft peaks form. Fold into yolk mixture.

Whip cream for 30 seconds and fold into yolk and white mixtures. Enjoy!





THANKS & PRAYERS

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Jan Konkus and Family, Mary Kate, Tish, Doug and Carol Law, Audrey Kerswell, Joanne and Denise Hart, Diane Synakowski, Inez Robertson, Claudia Sennet Mack, Fran Smith, Renee Simpson, Elizabeth, Curtis Gregory, Richard Cooksey, Marie Bollick, Jim, Rev Connie Carolson, Don, and Kathy Rafferty

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.)

Happy Birthday

- 2 Dawn Latter
- 8 Hannah Stevenson
- 10 Betsy Shake

- 11 Bambi Carkey
- 16 Virginia Unckless
- 21 Olivia Snyder
- 22 Reginald Smith
- 29 Marie Tackman

Happy Anniversary

- 14 Ralph and Cheryl Lorenz

Those Deployed Overseas

Justin Stevenson, Chuck Borden, and Patrick Cox

Those Helping in Covid-19 Efforts

Sara Fullerton, Kelley Fullerton, Keleigh Thomas Fullerton, Erin Kohan, and Megan Fullerton.

House Blessings

Once our local infection rates are turned around and things are in a little better state, Fr. Jon would like to offer house blessings for any in our parish who would welcome that. It's a great opportunity to put the past year behind us and brighten our home, spiritually at least, for the new life beyond the constraints of this Corona-tide.

The idea is that Fr. Jon would join you outside your home (following all safety |

protocols), offer prayers and blessings on you and your home and leave a small present to represent God's presence in your life and home.

If you would be interested, please contact our office or Fr. Jon directly and once we are able to begin this ministry we will schedule a time that works for you.

New Year's Day Prayer: Name of Jesus

O Jesus, our Savior and our Lord, by the proclamation of your grace, you took the yoke of the law from our necks, and removed the burden from our shoulders to your own; Hear the prayers of your Church, that we may joyfully serve you here, and see your glorious presence in all its joy in the life to come; through your mercy O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

Source: Mozarabic Collect for New Year



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