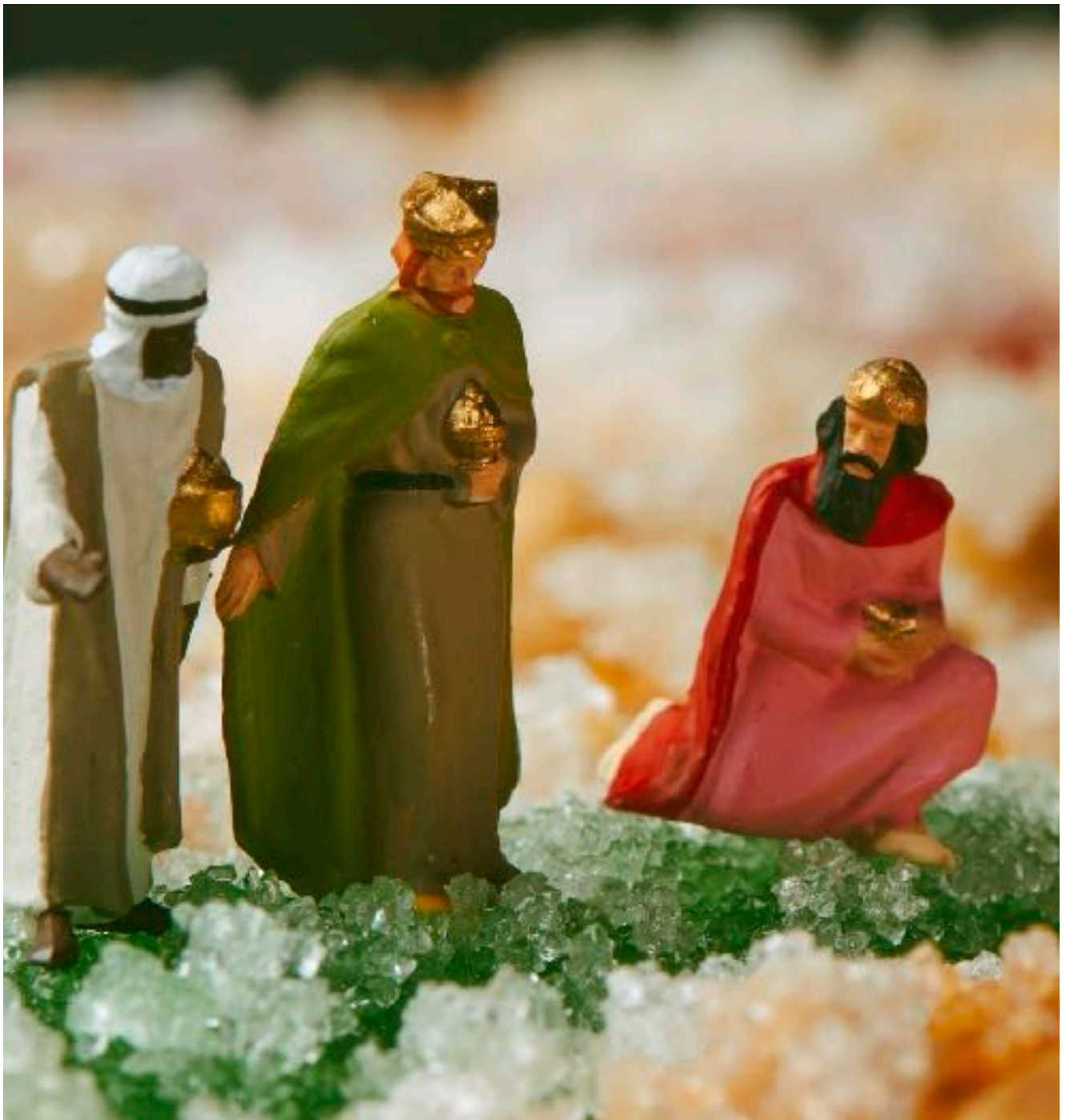


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Warden's Message

We certainly hope your Christmas was joyous but must apologize for the “chill” felt Christmas Eve for those who celebrated with us at St. Luke’s. While we were hopeful that it was due to a timer mishap, it turned out to be a bit more involved. Our 1999 vintage controller had a bad circuit board which luckily, after having the local HVAC contractor and the controller manufacturer in, were able to get it running. However, they strongly recommended that we replace it as replacement boards are scarce at best. This will be costly and they’re working up a price for that.

St. Charles once again praised St. Luke’s for our food pantry contributions. As the winter season is upon us, they’re even more in need than ever. Let’s keep this important and vital outreach ministry going.

We’re thankful for everyone who has submitted their pledge for 2023 but there are a couple outstanding. There is still time to get your pledge in so we can better budget for the upcoming year.

We said goodbye to Sara, our parish administrator, as she moves on to another opportunity and welcome Deb Denny who doubles serving both St. Mark’s and St. Luke’s.

As long as we’re saying thank you for service, I’d like to personally thank Bob Shafer for his service as warden these past few years. As a long-distance warden that often finds himself away from Central New York for work or visiting grandchildren, Bob has been there to support Father Jon and any needs of St. Luke’s that have arisen. Pending a favorable election at the

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upcoming Annual Meeting (it might not take 15 rounds for this appointment), I’d like to welcome Jack Young as the new warden. I look forward to sharing warden duties with Jack over the next year.





A Word

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

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These words from the service for Ash Wednesday are read out each year as we prepare to enter into the season of Lent. Lent arose out of the preparations undertaken by those who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil in the ancient church and was a way for existing members to show solidarity with those about to become members of the church.

In the intervening centuries, Lent became a religious obligation and a display of piety, but something of that desire to show solidarity with God's intentions for us has always remained part of the Lenten experience. Doing something, making intentional choices to either give up something or take on something new as a way to remind ourselves of our relationship to God and to the church is the very core of Lent.

It is a season that's meant to be a little uncomfortable, a littler unsettling, so that we might be shaken out of our dullness and to prepare ourselves for God's glorious and triumphant emergence into our lives.

I hope your Lenten journey this year opens your eyes afresh to the wonders of God and to the possibilities of faith.



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

Healing Services Held the last Sunday of each month.



Fridays in Lent

Lent begins this month, with Ash Wednesday being February 22nd. During Lent we'll be adding a special Friday evening worship and supper series jointly with St Mark's. We'll begin in the first full week of Lent, on March 3rd. There is a signup sheet for hosts in the hallway on the bulletin board.

The service will begin at 6:30pm with supper to follow.

As host, we are asking that you provide a simple supper (soups are great) to share that will be served in the library after a short Lenten worship service which begins at 6:30. If possible, please consider offering a meal that is gluten-free or which provides gluten-free options.

The schedule will be:

- Friday March 3 at St Mark's
- Friday March 10 at St Luke's
- Friday March 17 at St Mark's
- Friday March 24 at St Luke's
- Friday March 31 at St Mark's



Welcome to our new Parish Administrator

In January we said goodbye to Sara Peirson, who served for the previous three years and wished her well in her new position at Syracuse University's Office for Community Engagement.

And we've also welcomed Deb Denny as our new Administrator. Deb has been the parish administrator at St Mark's for the past six years and is a former journalist, columnist and newspaper editor at the Oswego Palladium Times. She wrote a longtime inspirational column for the newspaper entitled Life Thoughts, has also written for several regional magazines, and has been a contributor to Guideposts magazine as well as the local CNY Inspirations through Interfaith Works of CNY.

She will be splitting her time between St Luke's and St Mark's. Her email is parishadministrator@stlukescamillus.com

and our office phone is 315-487-1771. Deb will be in the office Wednesdays between 9 and 2 and Thursdays between 9 and noon.



Deb was joined on her first day by Sara and our former Admin Emeritus, Cathy Martin. From Left, Sara Peirson, Deb Denny, and Cathy Martin



Outreach News

This year for the Outreach Christmas project we collected bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace makes and donates beds and bedding to families that have no beds for their children. We collected 17 pillows, 38 sheet sets, 14 blankets/throws 4 comforter and sheet set combos and 7 comforters. We will also donate \$500 to aid Sleep in Heavenly Peace in their mission. As always, if you have ideas for Outreach projects, please contact Eileen Robertson at 315-673-4324.



St. Luke's is a ministry partner with Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Congregations are invited to observe ERD Sunday on the first Sunday in Lent or another convenient Sunday. This year it officially falls on February 26, 2023. All Episcopalians are invited to join together on this day and throughout the Lenten season, to pray for those living in need. Consider please, dedicating special offerings to ERD during Lent. Below is a description of several of ERD's programs that help those living in need.

Discover new ways to empower people worldwide through Gifts for Life. Connect families with sustainable sources of food and income with Gifts to Foster Resilience; invest in women-

owned businesses with Gifts for Women; give children every opportunity to thrive with Gifts for Children; or gather with friends and family to purchase one of our gift packages. Gifts are available at any budget level, you can help a family sustain themselves for as little as \$20 through purchasing farm animals, clean water, bicycles, tools and equipment, nutritional support, education, and so much more by visiting our website at support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts/catalog.

There will be Episcopal Relief & Development brochures and flyers spread around St. Luke's for additional information. You may also ask Betsy or Jim Shake if you have questions. Thank you!



THANKS & PRAYERS

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Tish, Doug and Carol Law, Diane Synakowski, Fran Smith, Dick and Shirley Chrisfield, Michael, Carolyn, Jennifer Brady, Joanne, Steve, Mary Lynch, Carol Greis, Joan Conley, Jen Downey, Andy, Lynn, Jane Brescia, Kevin and Sue Fullerton, Joe Marshall, Mark Miller, Kristen O'Hara, Lisa, Elizabeth, Anna, Ken and Barb Guy, Donna Sweeney, Beth Abbott, Carol Andrews, Silas, Audrey Kerswell, George Hoare, Gary and Jim Stour, Peter Henderson, Patty Gordon, Roger, Kathleen Hart-Zavoli, and Luke

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

8 David Mitchell, Jr. (son, goes by "DJ")
16 Kelly Wiley



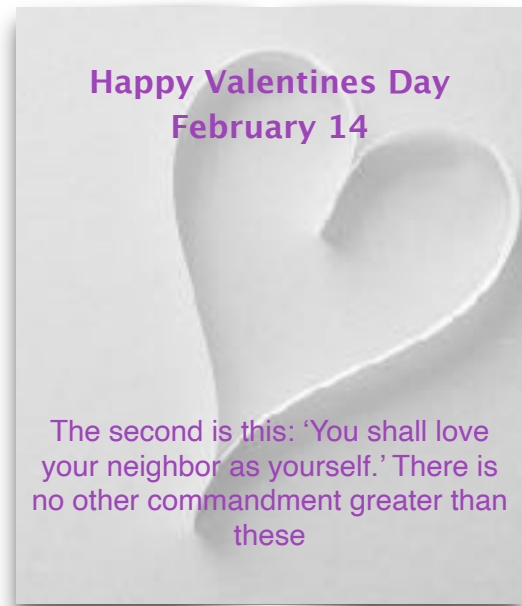
In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to Father Jon and his family on the death of his mother, Carolyn Crosby. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

17 Debbie Bille
20 Mia Michell
22 Lorie Erlenback
25 Christian Nightingale

Happy Anniversary

16 Bob & Marie Tackman



Christmas 2022 Snap Shots

