



The Ark of the Covenant

A Newsletter for the People of
The Memorial Church of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician &
All Saints Episcopal Church of Rhawnhurst
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Griffin, Rector

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SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with music
Followed immediately by
refreshments and fellowship in
the parish hall.

Weekly Schedule

Thrift Store

Sundays 12:30 – 2:30 PM
in the church hall

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Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m.
Monday 7:00 p.m.
in the church hall

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Followed by Bible Study 7:00 –
8:30 PM

Celtic Eucharist with Healing
(suspended for the present)

Irish Dance Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
in the church hall

Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and to those within the tomb bestowing life!

The Easter hymn above reminds us of Christ's victory over the forces that have kept humanity enslaved—sin and death—from our first appearance on this earth. Adam, the old archetype (humanity 1.0, you might say) introduced sin into the world by choosing self over God, and that choice resulted in death because sin is a voluntary separation from God, and God is the principle of life. So how could sin fail to result in death? That is, if you voluntarily separate yourself from the principle then death is the inevitable consequence, right? In contrast to this, Jesus, the new archetype (humanity 2.0) chose God over self and in so doing he overcame death and the tomb; not only for himself but for all of us whose nature he shares. And this makes sense too because in choosing God Jesus was choosing life. By the way, the foregoing line of reasoning may explain Jesus' enigmatic statement that "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, save it" (Mark 8:35)

The seasons of Lent and Holy Week have provided us with a good opportunity to practice giving up our life in favor of God's life. And the sacrifices of the past few months of the pandemic have shown us what it is like to think about God and exercise self-control rather than simply following our habitual patterns of behavior. If you are like me, you are probably anxious to return to those old patterns now that Easter is here and the season of discipline and self-control has passed. Now the COVID restrictions are beginning to be relaxed and the Lent discipline is behind us. But my hope is that rather than simply returning to the old patterns we might consider what is required of us as heirs of God's kingdom. Shall we reflect on how to respond to Christ's gift of eternal life and strive to manifest that New Life that we have been given. Of course, we will not perfectly manifest the sinless One but we can make a more conscious effort to bring Christ into the world through my manner of life. What do you say? Shall we make the effort?

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Rite II, with music

Followed immediately by
refreshments and
fellowship in the
undercroft.

Weekly Schedule

Al-Anon

Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.
in the undercroft. Open
Meeting for Adults.

St. Paul's Anglicans

Sundays 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bayit Abba Adonia

Thursdays 6 – 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Yoga

Saturdays 10 – 11:00 AM
(outside- weather
permitting)

Message from the Rector (continued)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

God Bless,
Fr. Tim

Message from Sebrom Morris, Junior Warden All Saints

GLORIOUS WORDS OF HYMNS

Dear Lord and father of mankind, before thy throne, O God we kneel. Christ the fair glory of the holy angels whose glory fills the skies, creator of the stars of nights, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close to thee to stay.

Eternal Lord of love behold your church moved by your love and toward your presence bent, far off yet here, the goal of all desire. Kind maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear poured forth by all the penitents.

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Ride on ride on in majesty.



All Saints - April

10	Nathan Ireland	10	James J. Sharp	16	Brad McAvery	23	Doreen Eagles
10	Maxine Sharp	11	Christine Eagles	18	Theodore Eagles	23	Kenneth King

St. Luke – April

5	Carol Kakareka	13	Peggy Johnson	20	Joan Geiger	25	Antonietta Gibson
5	Ashley Zuccarini	14	Betty Kaufold Weand	20	Cynthia A. Krisch	26	Charles Geiger
7	Lisa-Jo Woods-Kriss	15	Carol Lang	21	Caroline Cotugno	26	Yolanda Del Ros
11	Joan Mitchell	16	Tom Truesdale	21	Smitha Harwood	27	Michael Esposito III
11	Wayne Gardner	19	Joseph Vannauker	21	Andrew Gibson	28	Glenn Bernhardt
						28	Thomas Sachs



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

St. Luke's and All Saints are facing considerable expenses in the near future to maintain our buildings and grounds. The Vestry is asking each family that is able to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund to help offset some of these costs.

St Lukes: asking for \$25 per quarter (\$100 annually) All Saints: asking for \$10 per month
(of course, anything you are able to give is greatly appreciated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ark Submissions – Please send any articles or news that you would like included in the Ark to the Church Secretary at stlukesoffice1946@gmail.com no later than noon on Monday, April 19th; the May Ark will be emailed and in church mailboxes by Sunday, April 25th.

Pastoral Concerns – Please contact Father Tim.

Vestry Meetings – St. Luke's: Monday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.; All Saints: Monday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Compline - Please consider joining us for Compline, which is held each night (Monday through Friday) at 8:30 p.m.. It is a beautiful prayer that lasts about 10 minutes. If you are interested in joining, please let Father Tim know.

Jean Zekas - Jean, a member of All Saints Parish, is in rehabilitation at Majestic Oaks Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. If you would like to send Jean a card, her address is:

Majestic Oaks Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Room 217
333 Newtown Road
Warminster, PA 18974

Oak Street Health - Oak Street Health, doctors for adults on Medicare, is focusing on vaccinating patients and community members who live near our center and who are 65+ in age. Oak Street has begun offering COVID-19 vaccinations, by appointment only, at:

Oak Street Health – Roosevelt
2311 Cottman Avenue, Suite 71
Philadelphia, PA 19149
215-647-0383
oakstreethealth.com

Spring Plant Sale - Please check your email for further information on varieties of plants and pricing. Payment must accompany order in the form of cash or check (made payable to: Memorial Church of St. Luke). Deadline for placing orders: **April 25, 2021**. Delivery date: **May 7, 2021**.



Dates For Your Calendar

Thrift Store

Closed until further notice (St. Luke's)

Spring Flower Sale (St. Luke's)

Prayer Requests

St. Luke's Prayer List- The prayer list is now being updated monthly. Please email **all** requests to **Caroline Cotugno** (pinevalleyfan@aol.com) and cc. **Terry Weikel** (stlukesoffice1946@gmail.com). You may also see Caroline in church or write in the book located at the church entrance, whenever indoor church services resume. **Member Requests:** please let us know when you need prayers, but also when you need to come off the prayer list. **Non Member Requests:** Please make your requests monthly, as names will be removed at the end of the month unless notification is received. **Please submit all May prayer requests by Monday, April 19th and the list will be updated by Sunday, April 25th.** Please note, as per Father Tim's request, we are only accepting names for the prayer lists, rather than praying for groups of people.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work" - Oswald Chambers

All Saints, Rhawnhurst



Dawn Bachman
Wayne Bindernagle
Marianne Black
Jamie Campbell
Diane Celotto
Scott Clothier
Linda Colwell
Harry Coraluzzi
Patsy Craig
Sara Dean
Ruth Doe
Regina Domanico

Dorothy Dungan
Patricia Ellis
Fr. Tim Griffin
Merle Hirschman
Massa Hunder
Noai Karpe
Ray Kaspar
Mike Kelly
Lisa Kimball
Ken King
Judy Kolaris
Denise Lalka

Joseph Marco
Frank Moore
Marion Morabito
Fr. Jim Morris
Sebrom T. Morris III
Walter Morris
Geraldine Page
The Robinsons
Nancy Strang
Myles Taylor
Jean Zekas
Jennifer Zekas

All of the families who lost loved ones to Covid-19.

All of the victims who succumbed to Covid-19.

St. Luke's



Elaine Woods
Genevieve Scott
Ruth Fischer
Joe Hanis
R. Lee Kostic
Jackie Oxenford
Patricia Cellini
Rosa Michnya
Susana Navarro
Charlene Segal
George Mitchell
Gerry
Peggy
Wendy
Vince
Ed
Sabrina
Robert
Steven
Stella
William

Gregory Park
Renato Cavaliere
Walburta Nelson
Bob Baur
Bob Carter
Herb Rolland
Don Shifflett
Caroline Cotugno
Carol Mitchell
Marge Sharples.
Sidney
Justin & Emily
Becca
Lori
Pam
Tim
Emani & Erica
Anita
Anna
John
Tracy

Elaine Black
Nancy M. Wright
Llyn Carter
JoAnn Runewicz
Rose Whaley
Meaghan Kriss
Aurelia Thorpe
Nancy Orlando
Dolores Howard
Deneen Raysor
Eileen
Denise
Evie
Audrey
Aissie
Roger
Marsha
Elizabeth
Patricia
Ricky
Betsy

Alan Wilkinson
Fr. Tim
Laure Padian
Barbara Kaufold
Anna M. Pascarella
June Mueller
Thomas Duncavage
Patricia Gantz
Linda Roussis
Rita Smith
Tabitha
Augustine
Constance
Kali
Karen
Earl
James
Kathleen
Ruth
Caylee
Minerva

Shane	Suzanne	Michelle	Connie
Vernon	Janine	Merrie	Othniel
Mark	Carol	Warren	Madu
Reethi	Vasu	Meena	Kala
Chris	Sherri	Christopher	The Rev.Randy
Henry	Evelyn	Rudy	Brubaker
Joseph			

Message from Caroline Cotugno, St. Luke's

Teardrops of Growth By Joyce Rupp

“April is soaking the world
with her spring tears.
They patter softly on the roof,
clinging to silent windows.
Gently they fall into soil
diligently turned
and ready for watering.

A touch of sorrow and joy
mingle in the wet spring air.
One part longs for sunshine,
the other accepts the patter
of April's mournful tears
knowing this is what opens
hard shells of waiting seeds
and urges them to grow.

A patch of waiting soil in me
has also been turned over.
It, too, fights April teardrops
but knows it needs them desperately,

So much in me has yet
to accept
the waters of discomfort
and discontent
that come without a beckoning,
urging me insistently to open up
and grow.

So much in me has
yet to be nurtured, broken open,
and set free.”





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