



# 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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## The Memorial Church of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician

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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

#### **AA**

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

## Holy Name *What's in a name?*

On January 1st the Church observes the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. This is an annual feast, commemorating Jesus' circumcision and the reception of the name given him by the Angel. Thus, according to Luke's gospel, "After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." And 8 days following Christmas Eve is January 1st.

So, what is the significance of Jesus' name? Why did the angel instruct Mary to give Jesus this name? According to Matthew's gospel, Jesus is given his name because he will "save his people from their sins." The Holy Name of Jesus is best rendered from the Hebrew "Yehoshua" which literally means "Yahweh is salvation." And of course, we all remember the scene from the Book of Exodus when Moses is confronted by God in the Burning Bush and God reveals to Moses that God's name is Yahweh (YHWH), which means "I am who I am" or "I will be who I will be."

The day of one's christening is a very important day in one's life, even if we do not remember it, because it is how we will be known, to others and even to ourselves, for the rest of our lives. In the ancient world, this feature of names as that "by which we are called" was extremely important because if someone knew your name they would have power to "call upon you." So when God shares God's name with Moses, he is granting an important concession to Moses. It is an act of intimacy and friendship that is surprising in the relationship between the Creator and a creature. (Consider, for example, that when Jacob wrestles with the angel—that is, with God's manifestation—the angel refuses to disclose his identity to Jacob. This refusal is a refusal to give Jacob power over him; but he exercises his power over Jacob by giving him a new identity, i.e., he renames him "Israel.")

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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)***

So, what is in a name? A great deal it seems. On New Year's Day I ask that you recall Jesus' circumcision and his christening. And throughout the year to come let us strive to remember the One we are called to follow.

A Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year to you all.

Father Tim

## ***Message from Sebrom Morris, Junior Warden All Saints***

### **ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS**

Because our Heavenly Father knows our heart desire even before we ask in prayers; as well as our ignorance in asking Him, He already has our answer(s) long before we kneel/stand in prayers. As our Creator, He answers not according to our desire, rather, He grants what He deems best for us according to His riches in Glory.

We must ask in faith and position ourselves to receive answers from God the Father. Many times, our prayers are answered and very regrettably, we do not know simply because the answer is not in keeping with our earthly request.

We could pray for financial gains and a dependent family member or friend receives a job, which, interprets into our not having to any longer assist said person thus leaving more for us. This is the answer but, we fail to behold it because we perhaps expected to get a pay increase.

God answers for the good of those who beseech Him in prayers as well as the ones who are not yet prepared to pray so that they may come to know Him. He answers Yes, No or Wait predicated upon our motives for asking as well as what He sees best for the world through us.

We must continue to pray not just for our own needs, but, for the needs of the world as indicative of the "Prayers of The People".



### All Saints - January

<b>3</b> Mike McVey	<b>11</b> Andrew Young	<b>22</b> Irene Elia	<b>29</b> Mary O. Morris
<b>5</b> Nadine Elia Smith	<b>16</b> Mark Bradley	<b>26</b> Luke Lamoree	
<b>5</b> Marie York	<b>20</b> Stephen York, Sr.	<b>27</b> Paul Elia, Jr.	
<b>5</b> Nicholas Domanico	<b>21</b> Jennifer Zekas	<b>28</b> Paul Elia, III	

### St. Luke – January

<b>1</b> Sophia Park	<b>14</b> Karen Kenny	<b>20</b> Lee Kostic	<b>28</b> Dick Jackson
<b>8</b> Ruth Ann Nichols	<b>14</b> Nathan Sharkey	<b>21</b> Ryan Gardner	<b>30</b> Christina Guilana
<b>13</b> Deneen Raysor	<b>17</b> Matthew Hair	<b>21</b> Arleene Curtis	<b>30</b> Victor Kaufold III
<b>13</b> Raymond Logue	<b>20</b> Gertrude Morgan	<b>25</b> Patricia Cellini	



### 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](mailto:stlukesoffice1946@gmail.com) no later than noon on Monday, January 25th; the February Ark will be emailed and in church mailboxes by Sunday, January 31st<sup>n</sup>.

**Pastoral Concerns** –Please contact Father Tim.

**Vestry Meetings** – St. Luke's: Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; All Saints: Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Dates For Your Calendar

Thrift Store

Closed until further notice (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](mailto:pinevalleyfan@aol.com)) and **cc. Terry Weikel** ([stlukesoffice1946@gmail.com](mailto: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 February prayer requests by Monday, January 25th**, and the list will be updated on Sunday, January 31st. 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 should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." – E.M. Bounds*

### All Saints, Rhawnhurst



Dawn Bachman  
Kula Benjamin  
Wayne Bindernagle  
Marianne Black  
Jamie Campbell  
Linda Colwell  
Harry Coraluzzi  
Sara Dean  
Ruth Doe  
Regina Domanico

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

Joseph Marco  
Marion Morabito  
Fr. Jim Morris  
Sebrom T. Morris III  
Walter Morris  
Eric Nason  
The Robinsons  
Nancy Strang  
Jean 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	Gregory Park	Elaine Black	Alan Wilkinson
Genevieve Scott	Renato Cavaliere	Nancy M. Wright	Fr. Tim
Ruth Fischer	Walburta Nelson	Llyn Carter	Laure Padian
Joe Hanis	Susan Stahl	JoAnn Runewicz	Barbara Kaufold
R. Lee Kostic	Bob Carter	Rose Whaley	Bruce Sholley
Jackie Oxenford	Charlene Segal	Meaghan Kriss	June Mueller
Patricia Cellini	Don Shifflett	Aurelia Thorpe	Thomas Duncavage
Rosa Michnya	Caroline Cotugno	Nancy Orlando	Patricia Gantz
Susana Navarro	Carol Mitchell	Dolores Howard	Linda Roussis
Kim Petrie	Fran McAddress	Deneen Raysor	Marge Sharples
George Mitchell	Herb Rolland	Rita Smith	Bob Baur
Anna M. Pascarella	Justin & Emily	Denise	Augustine
Peggy	Becca	Evie	Collette
Wendy	Karen	Audrey	Kali
Vince	Pam	Aussie	Karen
Ed	Tim	Roger	Earl
Sabrina	Emani & Erica	Marsha	James
Robert	Anita	Elizabeth	Kathleen
Steven	Anna	Patricia	Ruth
Stella	John	Ricky	Elizabeth
William	Tracy	Betsy	Renee
Shane	Keri	Michelle	Connie
Vernon	Janine	Barbara	Othniel
Mark	Joseph	Warren	Madu
Reethi	Vasu	Meena	Kala
Karen	Chris	Sherri	Henry
Evelyn	Christopher	Rev. Randy	Lori
Sidney	Rudy	Brubaker	Dan

## Message from Caroline Cotugno, St. Luke's

### Winter Teaches Me - By Joyce Rupp

Winter teaches me patience:  
 Walk carefully on icy sidewalks.  
 Drive slower through snarled traffic.  
 Take more time to put on layers of clothes.  
 Wait for streets to be cleared of snow.  
 Be understanding about mail arriving late.

Winter strengthens my courage:  
 Go out into windy, freezing air.  
 Risk traveling on snowy roads.  
 Dress warmly and go for a walk.  
 Ski through woods, alone and free.  
 Be at peace in long days of darkness.

Winter brings me beauty:  
 Look up at the star-filled sky.  
 Pause to breathe the crisp air.  
 Vigil with steel-blue sunsets.

Marvel at frost etchings on windows.  
Sink boots into soft, sensual powder.

Winter gives me silent hope:  
Touch the terminal buds on branches.  
Clear the snow and find green moss below.  
Watch the sunlight fade, then linger longer.  
Stand with the strength of evergreen trees.  
Listen to birds chirping at the feeder.



## **Help Bring Jean Home**

Jean Zekas, a member of All Saints Parish, has been moved to Majestic Oaks Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Her friend, Valerie Suschin, has created a GoFundMe account to help Jean.

Here is the link: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-bring-jean-home?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=m\\_pd+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-bring-jean-home?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet)

Even a small donation could help Valerie reach their fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.

Thank you for your help.

## **A Message from Episcopal Legal Aid**

Dear Fr. Tim and friends –

Thank you for your financial contribution to Episcopal Legal Aid. Your support means a great deal to our efforts to promote equal access to justice for people in the city with limited means. Though I regret that our plans for a live clinic this past spring had to be scuttled, I look forward to being with you in person in 2021. In the meantime, I appreciate your promoting our work through your publications and social media, which has resulted in several people contacting me this past year. Best wishes for a safe and Merry Christmas!

Steve Chawaga  
Executive Director, Episcopal Legal Aid





Happy New Year

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