



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

***“Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is
merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn and you will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will
be given to you. A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over, will be put into
your lap; for the measure you give will be the
measure you get back” (Luke 6:36-38).***

These words of Jesus, taken from Luke’s gospel
provide us with good counsel. For many of us, that is
where the matter ends. We think “Oh I shouldn’t judge
others, I shouldn’t condemn others, I should forgive
others and give to others.” Of course that is all correct.
But beneath Jesus’ words is an important and often
overlooked truth about God and our relationship to
God. In short, Jesus’ words indicate that God has
placed us in charge of our relationship with God. Or, to
put another way, God leaves it up to us whether we
will be judged; whether we will be condemned;
whether we will be forgiven and whether we will
receive from God. And that is truly remarkable when
we tease out the implications.

Well, we need to exercise a little care here. I’m sure
most of us think God will judge us according to our
actions, and in that sense, God has placed us in
charge of our relationship with God. But Jesus’ words
indicate something more than that. His words indicate
that God will adopt towards us the stance that we
adopt towards others. So if I am judgmental towards
others, God will be judgmental towards me. If I
condemn others, God will condemn me. But then
consider: if I forgive others, God will forgive me. And
that flies in the face of what we often feel about God
and about others. That is, our conventional morality
tells me who is good and who is bad without
considering how forgiving, giving or judgmental they
may be.

What’s more, if we give, Jesus assures us we will
receive a “good measure, pressed down, shaken
together, running over, will be put in your lap.” That
sounds great, doesn’t it? It sounds like give a little and
you’ll get much in return. And so this is how God is,
and this is how God will relate to us—as we have
related to others. So perhaps, with this in mind, we

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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)

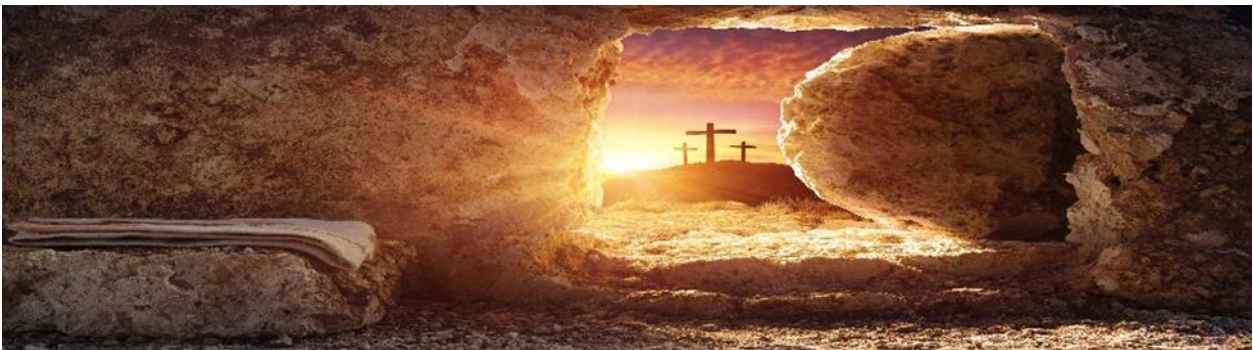
can begin to focus more on our attitudes towards others and less on how they happen to be behaving or what they happen to be doing. And if I begin to focus on these attitudes of mine rather than on the actions of others, imagine how the world will be transformed—at least my corner of it.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

God Bless,
Fr. Tim

Message from Sebrom Morris, Senior Warden, All Saints

RESURRECTION



ON THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE!

Every Easter day the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated all over the world. A day when death was defeated and mankind offered the overwhelming opportunity of Eternal Life because God the Father so love the world that He give His only begotten son to suffered death so that whosoever believeth in Him will never perish but have everlasting life.

As Christians, what do we actually find in the many forms of Easter celebrations? What do we take away from each Easter day that the good Lord allows us to celebrate? I wish to point out that we are all in our respective tomb and whether the stone is removed for us to exit depends upon ourselves.

You see there, are the stones of **Hatred, Malice, Covetousness, Greed** and all other manner of evil that enslave us and keep our stone in place thereby preventing us from enjoying the newness of life provided by our Lord and Savior through His death and subsequent resurrection.

I call upon each of us to **LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL; AND, TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. FOR ONLY BY SO DOING, WILL OUR STONE BE ROLLED AWAY ENABLING US TO BE RESUSCITATED.**

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?????



All Saints - May

3	Stacy Blohm	13	Linda Blohm	20	Anne Kessler	28	Fr. Otto Lolk
6	Shawn Lolk	16	Ryan Bachman	21	Katherine Eagles	28	Daniel Veres
11	Brooke Sharp	18	Paul Elia, Sr.	26	Kimberly Veres	30	James E. Sharp
13	Kristie Lamoree	18	Merle Hirschman	26	Georgia E. Morris		

St. Luke – May

5	Lauren Esposito	10	Ruth Fischer	18	Marie Carter	29	Elaine Woods
5	Ashley Zuccarini	14	Cindy Martino	21	Audrey Esposito	29	Nancy M. Wright
9	P. Bruce Sholley	16	Delores Howard	23	Tom Duncavage	31	Linda Roussis



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, May 24th; the June Ark will be emailed and in church mailboxes by Sunday, May 30th.

Pastoral Concerns – Please contact Father Tim.

Vestry Meetings – St. Luke's: Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.; All Saints: Monday, May 17th 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 - If you would like to send Jean a get well card, her address is:

15 Greenbriar Court
Harleysville, PA 19438

Spring Plant Sale - Delivery date: **May 7, 2021.**



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) 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 June prayer requests by Monday, May 24th and the list will be updated by Sunday, May 30th.** Please note, as per Father Tim's request, we are only accepting names for the prayer lists, rather than praying for groups of people.

"God will always be there with us and give us strength to meet the difficulties of life." –

Wendell E. Mettey

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
The Robinsons
Nancy Strang
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

Gregory Park
Renato Cavaliere
Walburta Nelson
Bob Baur
Bob Carter
Bruce Sholley
Don Shifflett
Caroline Cotugno
Carol Mitchell
Marge Sharples.

Elaine Black
Nancy M. Wright
Llyn Carter
JoAnn Runewicz
Rose Whaley
Meaghan Kriss
Aurelia Thorpe
Nancy Orlando
Dolores Howard
Deneen Raysor

Alan Wilkinson
Fr. Tim
Laure Padian
Barbara Kaufold
Anna M. Pascarella
June Mueller
Thomas Duncavage
Patricia Gantz
Linda Roussis
George Mitchell



William
Gerry
Peggy
Wendy
Vince
Ed
Sabrina
Robert
Steven
Stella
William
Karlene
Vernon
Mark
Reethi
Chris
Henry
Michelle & Kenya

Sidney
Justin & Emily
Becca
Lori
Pam
Robert
Emani & Erica
Anita
Anna
John
Tracy
Suzanne
Janine
Brian
Vasu
Sherri
Evelyn
Joseph

Eileen
Denise
Evie
Audrey
Aissie
Roger
Marsha
Elizabeth
Patricia
Ricky
Betsy
Michelle
Merrie
Warren
Meena
Christopher
Rudy

Tabitha
Augustine
Constance
Kali
Karen
Earl
James
Kathleen
Ruth
Caylee
Minerva
Connie
Othniel
Madu
Kala
The Rev.Randy
Brubaker

Message from Caroline Cotugno, St. Luke's

Spring Flowers By Joyce Rupp

"Last night after sunset
I put my flower children to bed,
Covered their cheery pink faces
With blankets, towels, and sheets,
Said, "Goodnight, stay warm,
Don't let the frost-bugs bite,"
Hoping, when I arose next day,
That the long cold night
Had not nipped their spring noses
And frightened them to death.

How carefully I care
For the small flower garden,
Protecting all I can from harm.
Yet, when the green shoots
Of my own inner growth
Push their way out,
I seem to leave all to chance
With little to care.

I wonder why."



MAY 9TH:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MAY 31ST:





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