



April 28, 2024

“Abide in me as I abide in you.”— John 15:4

ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY PAPER

JOYFULLY SEEKING AND SERVING CHRIST

Star Wars Celebration – Saturday, May 4 at 2:00pm

Attention all Star Wars enthusiasts! You are invited to join us in our first-ever May the 4th event as we celebrate the Force and all things Star Wars. This event will feature a brief liturgy, food, and a cosplay contest. We encourage you to dress up as your favorite Star Wars characters, and don't forget to bring your lightsabers! Scruffy-looking Nerf herders are welcome to attend. So come and celebrate with us, and may the fourth be with you!



Vestry Candidates Named

The Nominating Committee has confirmed the following candidates for leadership roles at St. Luke's: For Warden (*one to be elected for a two-year term*) Denise Price; for Vestry (*four to be elected for three-year terms*) Stephanie Borsi, Dyan Bryson, Meaghan Crampton, Kristen Demaline; Angela Durham, Peter Kim, and Patrick Rodriguez; for Memorial Committee (*one to be elected for a three-year term*) Sarah Stransky; for Convention Delegates (*three to be elected as deputies, three as alternates*) Godfrey Gregg, Sean McDonald, Denise Price, Martha Thalheimer, and Stevie Tryson. We will vote for candidates at the Annual Meeting on May 19. Thanks to Stuart Christie, Godfrey Gregg, Shahri Griffin, Karen Thompson, and chair Stevie Tryson for serving on the Nominating Committee. Please email nominating@slchurch.org with your ideas for who may best be suited to lead St. Luke's into what is next for us (including yourself!).

Meditative Hike – Today at 1:30pm (Meet at church and carpool to Millburn)

Join us this afternoon as our St. Luke's group restarts our meditative hikes. Our season opener is a 1-3 mile family friendly hike in Millburn, starting with the Fairy Trail (1 mile) and continuing through Tulip Springs (1.6 miles). We'll meet in front of the church at 1:30pm and carpool to the site. Please RSVP via text to Angela at 917-612-2350 so we can be sure everyone has a ride or gets directions. We'll send out a group text the day before to reconfirm logistics. Both trails are relatively flat with little elevation and pooch friendly. Email Angela Durham at hiking@slchurch.org for links to more information about the trails.

Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am

We are blessed with beautiful spaces in which to worship and serve. As the spaces age, continual upkeep, cleaning, and repair are needed to be good stewards of what we have been given. We will gather to tackle some projects including cleaning/oiling the wood in the church, touch-up painting in the church, Assembly Hall, and Offices, and grounds work throughout the property such as spreading mulch and small repairs. Contact our Rector, the Rev. John A. Mennell, at mennell@slchurch.org with your availability and area of interest. All skill levels needed and welcome.

Poetry Workshops – Workshops continue today and May 12 from 4:00-6:00pm

Is your teen interested in poetry? Join us for our second workshop this afternoon! Collaborate and learn from local poet/celebrity Mariah Ayscue in coordination with Emma Rodriguez. All events are free and will take place in the Assembly Hall; dinner and snacks will be provided. **We will hold an Open Mic event on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00pm.** Email poetry@slchurch.org for more info.

Baptisms Planned for May 5

Our Easter Celebration will continue with the sacrament of Baptism at the 10:00am service on Sunday, May 5. Upcoming opportunities for baptism include Pentecost (May 19), July 14, and November 3. If you are interested in Baptism or other liturgical celebrations, please contact The Rev. John A. Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.

Mario Kart – Community and Competition – Friday, May 17 at 4:00pm

Bring your friends and family to join in the fun of Round 2 of our Mario Kart tournament (new players welcome; previous players, bring your coin!). Food will be provided. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a surprise game challenge with our Associate Rector, Tristan Shin. Please register on the website at slechurch.org; email any questions to Tristan at shin@slechurch.org.

Celebrate! Kids in the Kitchen – Next week May 5 at 9:30am

Immediately following the Celebrate! service, kids of all ages are invited to participate in our feeding ministry by making dessert for our Toni's Kitchen guests. Parents are encouraged to join their kids in this project that helps teach the importance of giving back out of our abundance and serving those in need. For more information or to join, email Abby Walsh at alhwash@gmail.com.

Home Team Cooks for Toni's – Next week May 5 at 11:30am

Join the St. Luke's team in Toni's Kitchen! We meet after the 10:00am service (usually on the first Sunday of the month) to make an appetizer and dessert. The shift runs from 11:30am-1:30pm and spots are limited. No cooking skills needed! Volunteers aged 18 and up are welcome.

Get Involved at St. Luke's

Find a ministry here at St. Luke's to make your own! Participate in Sunday services as part of the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, as a Lector or Usher, or help beautify or maintain our buildings and campus. Help us be responsible stewards of our treasure by running for Vestry or joining the Finance Committee. Serve our larger community through Toni's Kitchen by participating in Home Team Cooks, Kids in the Kitchen, or learn more about volunteering at Toni's Kitchen or Toni's Closet by emailing hello@toniskitchen.org.

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To discuss where you feel called to joyfully serve, make an appointment with our Rector, The Rev. John A. Mennell, at mennell.appointlet.com, or email our Parish Administrator, Chris Corso, at corso@slechurch.org to be connected with specific ministries.

Montclair Climate Action – Interfaith March on May 5 at 1:00pm

Adults from neighboring congregations will gather at Chase Bank (19 N. Fullerton Avenue) for a moment of ritual grief, then proceed to the lawn of First Congregational Church to meet up with a contingent of children on scooters and bikes who will parade down South Fullerton and end up at Bnai Keshet for an outdoor celebration on the lawn. To help coordinate our St. Luke's efforts, please email our Rector, The Rev. John A. Mennell, at mennell@slechurch.org.

Montclair Disability Pride Parade – May 18 at 1:00pm (Starting from Heningburg Field)

Join in this Walk and Roll Parade and Rally with disability activists, advocates, families, friends, and allies. Participants will gather at 1:00pm at Heningburg Field (off Chestnut Street on Midland Avenue). At 1:30pm, the parade will proceed to Rand Park for a rally and speakers. Email questions to organizer Alma Schneider at alma@parentswhorock.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00am Worship
 9:00am Celebrate!
 9:50am Church School
 10:00am Worship
 11:30am Coffee Hour
 1:30pm Meditative Hike
 4:00pm Poetry Workshop
 (Assembly)
 5:00pm Toni's Kitchen Dinner

Monday, April 29, 2024

1:00pm AIAnon Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

10:00am Staff Check-in
 8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00am Mindful Breath
 10:00am Toni's Closet Open
 7:00pm Cloud of Witnesses
 7:30pm Job Seekers

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:00am Toni's Closet Open
 11:30am Toni's Kitchen Meal

Friday, May 3, 2024

10:00am Toni's Closet Open
 11:30am Toni's Kitchen Meal

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00am Toni's Closet Open
 11:30am Toni's Kitchen Meal
 2:00pm Star Wars Celebration

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 2:00pm Montclair Climate Action
 Walk (off site)
 5:00pm Toni's Kitchen Dinner

Upcoming Events:

May 4: Star Wars Celebration
 May 11: Clean-Up Day
 May 12: Poetry Workshop
 May 17: Mario Kart Tournament
 May 19: Annual Meeting
 May 19: Poetry Open Mic

ST. LUKE'S SERVERS & LITURGICAL LEADERS

	This Week April 21	Next Week May 5
Officiant	Rev. John A. Mennell	Rev. John A. Mennell
Organist	Ronald Baltimore	Ronald Baltimore
Preacher	Rev. John A. Mennell	Pastor Tristan Shin
Verger	Godfrey Gregg	Patrick Rodriguez
Crucifer	Emma Rodriguez	
Torch Bearers	Navya Frederick Owen Tryson	
8:00 AM Virtual Verger	Stevie Tryson	Stevie Tryson
1st Reading	Felisa VanLiew	Sally Kress
Psalm	Felisa VanLiew	Sally Kress
2nd Reading	Jack Newhouse	Bert Jones
Intercessor	Jack Newhouse	Bert Jones
10:00 AM Virtual Verger	Stevie Tryson	Stevie Tryson
Usher	Allen Wastler Shahri Griffin	Sudhir Frederick Sally Ross
1st Reading	Shahri Griffin	Rick Fox
Psalm	Alexandra Baro	Angela Durham
2nd Reading	Matthew Gazda	Karen Thompson
Intercessor	Mariah Ayscue	Stephanie Borsi

Flower Dedications

To make a flower dedication in honor of a loved one's birthday or special event (Mother's Day is May 12!), please contact Tim Mannion or Gordon Frey at flowers@slechurch.org.

Minimum suggested donation is \$100.

Ushers are at the back of the church and available to assist at any time.

Restroom is through the double doors on the right-hand side of the altar, and then an immediate left.

Name tags: As we gather, please wear your name tag so we can greet one another by name. You may leave your name tag in the basket in the Assembly Hall as you leave after Coffee Hour. If you don't find your name tag, contact Chris Corso at corso@slechurch.org for a new one.

Nursery Care: Childcare is provided for our youngest parishioners so parents and guardians can enjoy the 10:00am service on their own.

Did you know? At slechurch.org, click "Weekly Service Leaflet" to view a PDF bulletin and save paper.

St. Luke's WIFI Please feel welcome to connect to any networks named "St. Luke's." PW: **mercury1** (all lowercase, numeral 1).

Welcome Cards are available in the pews and at the back of the church. Please fill one out to let us know you were here. You may place it in the church donation box in the back of the sanctuary or give it to an usher.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THESE PRAYERS, AND YOUR OWN, THIS WEEK:

Risen Christ, end the war and violence in the world especially in Gaza, Israel, Iran, and Ukraine. Protect the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, prisoners and captives, and all who remember and care for them.

Risen Christ, embrace all victims of gun violence and help us enact common-sense gun regulations.

Risen Christ, increase your church and those who serve in it, especially The Church of Bangladesh, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Carlye, our Bishop, and Clergy and Lay Leaders of Trinity Episcopal Church; Allendale and Trinity Church; Bayonne.

Risen Christ, help us to be actively anti-racist and learn to live together in community with all of God's beloved children regardless of their gender, race or orientation.

Risen Christ, protect the good earth that God has given us, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. We pray for communities experiencing devastating flooding, fires, and tornadoes.

Risen Christ, we pray in hope for all families who joyfully expect the birth of a child, especially Caty & Chris Moser.

Risen Christ, we celebrate those marking birthdays this week, especially Wilford Eden on April 28, Martha Jackman-Bivas & Roxie Zeek on April 29, Henry Birdsall on April 30, Miranda Fourte & Seungho Lee on May 1, Patrick Perkins on May 2, Violet McGarry Demoline & Russ Manley on May 3, and Meryl Sarro May 4.

Risen Christ, bring relief to the sick and the suffering, especially Jimmy – Liz – Tom S - Carly – George – Russ – Kevin – Marty – Will – Jill – Tom L – Phebe – and those we now name.

Risen Christ, we continue our prayers for Elaine – Anne T – Esther – Gerald –Darryl – Daune – Jung – Philip – Randy – Rebecca – Jillyan – Howard –Sallie – Mike – Anne M – Vince – Phil – Jim – Stella – Bruce – Melliss – Leanora – Lysette – Karen – Elena – Reese – Donna – Al – Rob – Adrianna – Marcelle – Francoise – Denny – Kevin – the unemployed – and our guests at Toni's Kitchen.

Risen Christ, we pray for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

Risen Christ, we pray for deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation and for the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses. We pray that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach.

To include a loved one on our prayer list, please email The Rev. John A. Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.