ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Today at 10:15am
Age 2–3 Kindergarten Classroom
Age 4–5 Laughlin Hall
Grades 1-3 Parish House
Grades 4-6 School Gym
Grades 7-12 School Library

New to St. Luke’s?
We’re glad you’re here! Please join us at coffee hours after the 9:15am and 11:15am services on the first Sundays of the month for conversation, to ask questions, and an opportunity to meet some clergy and vestry members. Future Newcomer Welcome Sundays are: January 10 and February 14.

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The House of David
On display through Advent
Advent is a season of communal preparation beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas. During Advent the Church looks back on the whole history of salvation as God reaches out to His people again and again to be in relationship with them. This Advent we are blessed to have some works of art to help us explore the mystery of the season. Simon Carr and Joan Elizabeth Goodman have created images of some of the ancestors of Christ. We are invited to look more deeply into the lives of people who were chosen by God to be part of the family ancestry of Jesus.

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Volunteers Needed for Christmas Reception
Parish Life is seeking volunteers for set-up on Thursday, December 24, 2015 from 2-4pm. As always, volunteers will also be needed to help put out the food and clean up after the reception, which follows the Christmas Eve service. Please sign up at coffee hour or by contacting Father Gabe at glamazares@stlukeinthefields.org. Thank you!

Christmas Pageant
Sundays Dec. 13th and 20th at 11am
Calling all angels, shepherds, and wise (wo)men! The annual St. Luke’s Christmas Pageant is seeking children of all ages to participate in the Christmas Eve presentation of the story of Christ’s birth. There are prominent speaking roles for older youths and non-speaking (but very dramatic) roles for younger children. Vocal solos are available depending on interest. Rehearsals will take place each Sunday through Christmas immediately after Sunday School from 11am to Noon in the school gym, and the performance requires the participants’ presence from about 2pm forward on Christmas Eve day leading up to the 5pm pageant service. Please join us for the info session today, or contact Savannah Stevenson for details at savannah.stevens@gmail.com.

St. Luke’s Giving Tree to Benefit Homeless Youth
Make Christmas a little brighter for a homeless or marginally housed LGBTQA youth between the ages of 16 and 24. We invite you to participate in our Giving Tree; a tree erected in our Church adorned with a variety of ornaments made by our Sunday school children. Each ornament describes a wish. Take an ornament from the tree and return the gift. As an alternative, we established a virtual giving tree with an Amazon wish list. You can access the Amazon wish list from the following link: http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=nav_wishlist_btn
The default shipping address is St. Luke’s Outreach staff. Volunteers will distribute gifts on Saturday, December 19 and on Saturday, January 2. For more information contact Joanne Bartosik, 212.414.7442 or jbar-tosik@stlukeinthefields.org
Thank You!
**Christmas Offering Envelopes**

*Deadline for inclusion in bulletin is December 16*

Because of the volume of bulletins that need to be printed for Christmas services, please ensure that your donation for the above is received in the parish office no later than December 16 at noon, if you would like your name printed in the bulletins. Envelopes for these donations can be found on the pew ledges and on the parish life table at the rear of the church. Please know that if you are unable to meet the suggested minimum donation, whatever you are able to contribute will be gratefully received. Donations received after December 16 will be recorded, but will not be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins.

**Santa bringing a new iPad for Christmas?**

If you are getting a new iPad for Christmas and not quite sure what to do with your old one, please consider donating it to the GO Project at St. Luke's.

We welcome five new classes of Kindergarteners beginning January 9 and we could really use 12 iPads to assist teachers in administering baseline tests.

For more information on how you can support the new GO Project, please contact Joanne Bartosik 212.414.7442 or jbartosik@stlukeinthefields.org

**Stewardship: It is time to pledge for 2016!**


**2016 Liturgical Calendars**

Liturgical calendars for next year are available at the rear of the church. Please feel free to take one per household.

**Donations For Outreach**

We are currently collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and other individual-sized toiletries as part of our ministry to the youth of “The Church”. We also continue to accept non-perishable food items for the St. Clement’s Food Pantry. Baskets will be placed in the back of the church to accept your kind donations.

**Anti-Racism Workshop**

*Friday, January 29 - Saturday, January 30, 9am-4pm in Laughlin Hall*

Join us as St. Luke’s hosts the Diocesan Anti-Racism Training. This program is designed to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. Coffee and lunch are served and there is no cost to register and attend for members of our diocese. There is a $50.00 registration fee for all others. Register online at dioceseny.org or call Ms. Arlene Bullard in the Bishop's office at 212.932.7363

**New Ones & Twos Group at St Luke in the Fields**

This winter, St Luke's will offer a new ministry to our youngest parishioners and their parents. The Ones & Twos group will meet once a month on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am in Laughlin Hall. It will be a chance to drink coffee and connect with other parents of very young children. Future dates are: January 15 and February 12. For more information, please contact Mo. Krakowsky at pkrakowsky@stlukeinthefields.org.

**Ushers needed for 9:15 and 11:15 services**

The Ushers Guild is seeking additional ushers who can serve at either 9:15 or 11:15 services, beginning in September. You don't have to be a longtime parishioner - this is a great way to get involved if you're new to the parish. You only need to commit to ushering once every one to two months, and you get to choose the Sundays you're available. The first few times you're scheduled, you'll be paired with a veteran usher who can help answer your questions and guide you through the service. For more information, or to schedule a 10-minute training, contact Steve Novak at saintlukesushers@gmail.com.

**Helping refugees**

In the face of the current refugee crisis, the Episcopal Diocese of New York is offering a safe and secure way to aid refugees through monetary donations sent via the Diocese of New York. You may send a check payable to: The Diocese of New York, with "Refugee Relief" in the check memo line and mail it to:

**Refugee Relief**

Episcopal Diocese of New York, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025

Or you may give online by credit card at www.episcopalny.com/refugee-relief/. The Bishop's letter addressing this crisis can also be found online at that site. Thank you.
Flower Memorials
Please contact Fr. Gabriel Lamazares at 212.924.9327 or glamazares@stlukeinthefields.org to request a Flower Memorial in celebration of a special event or in memory of those who have died. Flowers can be given for any Sunday except for the Sundays in Advent and Lent when by tradition no flowers are used. It is possible for more than one commemoration to be observed on any Sunday. The suggested donation is $200 per memorial to cover costs. Checks should be made payable to the Church of St. Luke in the Fields, with a memorandum "donation for flowers."

Children's Liturgy and Care
St. Luke's seeks to nurture and support children's participation in liturgy and prayer. Children are always welcome in worship, and childcare is available for infants through age six in the nursery at the Parish House through September 6, 2015. The nursery will move to the JK classroom, in the St Luke's School building beginning September 13. Please ask an usher for directions. If your child is sick, we ask that you do not bring your child into the nursery. For more information please look for the “Welcome Babies and Children” information card on the Parish Life Table, or call Mo. Emily at 212.633.2099.

Sermons On Line
Sermons are available on the web site at www.stlukeinthefields.org/sermons; hard copies are available at the rear of the church.

Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation
There is a Service of Healing that follows the 11:15am Eucharist Sunday mornings (10:30am during the summer) at the icon and votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you are worshiping at other services and wish to receive prayers and the laying on of hands for yourself or on behalf of a loved one, please know that the sacrament of healing—as with the sacrament of reconciliation—is always available by request from the clergy.

Offering Cards
There are small cards available at the rear of the church to place in the offering plate as a symbol of if you customarily pledge online or by mail.

Vestry On-Call
To address any concern or question you may have about St. Luke’s parish or ministry, two Vestry members are on call each month. For December, they are Julia Alberino (212.475.0674) and Linda Stormes (917.763.6904). You can also reach the vestry on call at: Vestry@stlukeinthefields.org

New residential building affordable units
In response to inquiries, please note that St. Luke's is in no way involved in the selection process, criteria, management or fielding of any applications or information regarding the affordable housing units that are part of the residential building under construction on our parking lot. All inquiries and applications from any interested parties should be directed through the New York City housing website at: www1.nyc.gov/nyc/new-york-city-housing-lottery. Thank you.

Check Us Out On Social Media
Keep up to date on what’s happening at St. Luke’s. “Like” us on Facebook, and sign up for our weekly e-blasts and quarterly Gazette by contacting the Parish Office Administrator, Amina Syedullah at asyedullah@stlukeinthefields.org or go to our website: www.stlukeinthefields.org.
Future Events

Adult Ed. Fall Series: Our Common Life
Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, Laughlin Hall
Bible Study: The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 12/14
This fall, we’ll be returning to the New Testament for a close reading of one of the Apostle Paul’s epistles to the church gathered in the ancient port city of Corinth. The text offers rich opportunities for learning and reflection on the community of believers, our common life, right relationships, and our shared destiny.

20s30s Second Annual Carols and Cocktails
Sunday, December 13, 1:15pm
Home of Drew Krause, 60 E 9th St. #336, between University & Broadway. Meet in the St. Luke's Dining room during coffee hour. **Open to the entire parish, not just 20s30s.** Walk over to Drew's apartment and enjoy an afternoon gathered around the piano to sing Christmas hymns and carols. Light lunch and spirited beverages provided.
Holiday Happenings at St. Luke’s 2015

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Greening of the Church
Sunday, December 20th at 1:00 pm

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Blue Eucharist
Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:15 pm in the Chapel
For folks who have experienced loss and are grieving, the holidays can be a difficult time. This December, we will gather for a Healing Eucharist on Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:15 pm. This service of healing and comfort will be a safe place for all those who are sad at the holidays to bring our burdens and lay them down or just bear them for a while among friends as we seek the presence of the One who comes ‘with healing in his wings,’ even in our darkest days.

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES
Christmas Eve Thursday, Dec. 24th
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & Service of Holy Eucharist
9:30 pm Prelude of Christmas Music
10:00 pm Festive Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, Friday December 25th
10:30 am Choral Service of Holy Eucharist

First Sunday after Christmas, December 27th
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 am Sung Eucharist with Hymns, Rite II
11:15 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II
12:45 pm Service of Healing

New Years Day, Friday, January 1, 2016
Feast of the Holy Name
12 noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3, 2016
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 am Sung Eucharist with Hymns, Rite II
11:15 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II
12:45 pm Service of Healing

The Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday January 6th
6:30 pm Choral Holy Eucharist
Outreach

On the Block at St. Luke’s
The PLWA Project (People Living with AIDS)
Food, Friends and Fellowship; a Saturday evening communal dinner for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.
Saturdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the St. Luke’s School dining room.

“The Church” Art, Acceptance and a Place to be Yourself for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning Youth and their Allies
A Saturday night drop in program for homeless/marginally housed LGBTQA youth between the ages of 14 and 24 offering performing and visual arts workshops, a pop up shop with gently used seasonal clothing and sample sized toiletries, a nutritious meal, legal services and HIV/AIDS education and testing.
Saturdays from 7:00 to 9:30 pm in the St. Luke’s School gym and dining room.

An academic enrichment program providing year round education and family support services to children who are performing below grade level, equipping them with the confidence and skills needed to succeed at school, at home and in life.

Outreach Volunteers
Interested in volunteering for PLWA, “The Church” or the GO Project?
For additional information contact Joanne Bartosik at 212-414-7442 or email: jbartosik@stlukeinthefields.org

Food Pantry
St. Luke’s collects non-perishable food items for the St. Clement’s Food Pantry. Our donations provide food for over 500 people weekly: canned soups, fish, vegetables, beans, cereals, rice, pasta, and peanut butter. We are looking for volunteers to sort and pack the food once a week, after any Sunday service. For more information, contact Tina Johnson at vatijo@verizon.net.

St. Luke’s Garden
Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to dusk.
Always dreamed of having a garden? You are invited to join the garden volunteers the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. The upcoming dates are: September 8 and October 13. Please contact Anna Rice-Yaffe, Director of Volunteers at annaluna@rcn.com.

Thrift Shop
The thrift shop is located in the basement of the Parish House. Store hours are Mon–Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 10am-6pm; and Sun 11am-5pm. If you would like to volunteer, contact the Business Manager, Maureen Doyle (212.633.7817/ mdoyle@stlukeinthefields.org).

For more information about any of our Outreach programs, please contact Mo. Emily at 212.633.2099/elloyd@stlukeinthefields.org.

Homeless Shelter
The homeless shelter ministry at First Presbyterian will resume in November. This year, Thursday evenings will be “St. Luke’s Night” at the Homeless Shelter. Every Thursday evening, a team from St. Luke’s will prepare and oversee the shelter for the guests, including the preparation of simple meals, making beds, serving coffee, staying overnight and, most importantly, enjoying fellowship with the guests. For more information, please contact The Rev. Posey Krakowsky at pkrakowsky@stlukeinthefields or 212.924.0562 x7441.
Parish Life

Centering Prayer
Tuesdays 7pm Laughlin Hall
All are welcome. Take some time to open your heart to God’s voice within for a gentle practice of prayer in silence. “Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.” Matthew 6:6. Contact Richard Kigel (718.698.7514/interiorsilence@gmail.com).

Liturgical Service Opportunities
Acolyte Training
If you are interested in serving as an acolyte at the 11:15am service, please contact Weiben Wang (weibenw@gmail.com/646.408.8070) or T.J. Houlihan (thoulihan@gmail.com/646.790.2909).

Youth Acolytes
If you are in the third grade and above and are interested in serving as an acolyte at the 9:15am service, please contact Mo. Emily Lloyd (elloyd@stlukeinthefields.org/212.633.2099).

Altar Guild
If you would like to join this ministry of preparing the vessels, vestments, and linens for our worship, please contact either Robert McVey (212.330.7114/robertmcvey@earthlink.net) or Sean Scheller (917.647.9244 or sscheller@cpg.org).

Lectors Guild
If you would like to become a reader of the lessons or would like to lead the Prayers of the People, contact Terry DiPaolo (tdmpny@gmail.com/917.612.7237).

Eucharistic Minister
If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister (chalice bearer) at Sunday services, please contact Weiben Wang (weibenw@gmail.com/646.408.8070) or call the parish office.

Weekday Mass Assistant
If you would like to assist at our weekday 6:15pm services of Holy Eucharist in the chapel (Fridays at 12:15pm), please contact Cindy Brome (cindy.brome@gmail.com/917.723.5314).

Ushers
If you would like to welcome people into the church for our Sunday services, contact Steve Novak (saintlukeushers@gmail.com/646 406-5548).

Flower Guild
If you would like to assist in the preparation of flower arrangements for the church, please contact Donald Conrad (Donald.Conrad@me.com/646.884.3145).

Pastoral Ministries

Do You Need Pastoral Care?
Please let a clergy person know if you are having a hard time and need pastoral care. There are a variety of forms this care might take. For example, we can often arrange to visit you in the hospital or at home, we can have a Eucharistic Visitor bring you communion, we can offer a listening ear, and/or we can get you in touch with lay pastoral care givers in the parish. Please contact Fr. Gabriel Lamazares if you have questions at glamazares@stlukeinthefields.org or 212.924.9327. For pastoral emergencies on nights and weekends, please call the emergency pastoral beeper at 646.240.5740.

St. Luke’s Online Intercessory Prayer Group
Members of the group receive weekly prayer lists online and join a ministry of keeping the concerns, celebrations, and hopes of Parishioners in their prayers. The group also gathers for occasional Quiet Days. To become a member of the group, or for Quiet Day information, please contact Janet Vetter at jev98@verizon.net or 212.924.9327.

Pastoral Care Network Meeting
The Pastoral Care Network provides care for parishioners in need through visiting, prayer, note writing, telephoning, and other forms of reaching out. It also provides a place of mutual support for all caregivers and seeks to empower parishioners to be present and helpful to people who are experiencing difficulty. Monthly meetings consist of 3 parts, each lasting about 20 minutes: 1) a review of pastoral needs in the parish and development of plans to address them; 2) a brief training to help develop participants’ pastoral skills; and 3) a supportive check-in, where reflection and discussion on experiences in caregiving are invited. Please contact Fr. Lamazares for more information.