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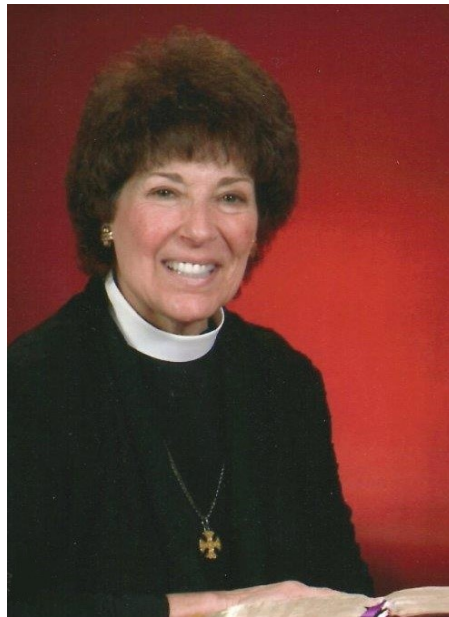
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Reflections from the Rectory

By The Rev. Dr. Joy A. Rose, TSSF



The Rev. Dr. Joy A. Rose

Dear Friends in Christ,

This has been a very trying and stress-filled week, *well...* month, *well...* election season. Regardless of which candidate you support, we have seen our faith and hope in the American political system and in the people who actively participate in that system badly shaken. So shaken, that psychiatrists and psychologists say there has been a significant and measurable increase in requests for stress counseling throughout the population. Why? Primarily because we have seen people and institutions we look up to adopting a "*me first and the heck with you*" attitude in the way they operate.

We have seen folks who have

worked long and faithfully laid off only to be replaced by someone younger and less expensive. We have seen the CEO of Mylan pharmaceutical company raise the price for life-saving epi-pens by 400% just because she could. We have seen the CEO of Wells Fargo play fast and loose with customers' accounts ... preying especially on the young, those who don't speak English well, and the elderly. Here in New Jersey the "Bridgegate" scandal, took a terrible toll [no pun intended] on commuters as politicians engaged in spiteful "one-upmanship". Weekly we hear of innocent people who are shot or killed because of their race or religious beliefs.

We wonder how we can tell our children to behave properly, play fair, be honest, tell the truth, and care for others when they see adults, the leaders of our communities and of our country, who don't act that way. How can we tell them that sticks and stones may break our bones...but that name calling can also really and truly hurt ... and leave deep scars? (Just ask anyone who was called lazy or stupid or fat or ugly or felt unwanted or unloved as a child.) How can we do this when school teachers tell children NOT to watch presidential debates because they fear the words, actions, and behaviors of the candidates? How can I continue to preach God's Love to children and adults who have

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become skeptical that being nice, playing fair, and looking out for others counts for anything in our society?

The ride through this present chaos may be very bumpy... and so it is very important for us to hang on. We must hang on to the One who leads us and hang on to each other. We cannot change the past but we can hope for a new and better future...and then strive to make ourselves a part of the change that makes it so. We must take it one step at a time, one day at a time, always inviting God's healing power to be manifest in our lives and in the lives of those around us. I believe that as individuals, and as a

church, we can do it because the same God, the same Holy Spirit that was with the disciples. is with us every day. Let us remember the words that Jesus leaves behind: ***Just as I have loved you, so you should also love one another.***

I have seen that the people of St. Luke's do this all the time. Through your love, people are healed, the blind see, the lame walk, the hungry are fed, and the lonely are brought into a circle of fellowship. Sunday after Sunday – despite your broken hearts or wounded souls, you have brought your brightest smiles and your best selves, and given them to God and to one another. **By this love the world is changed.**

Blessings,

Mother Joy+





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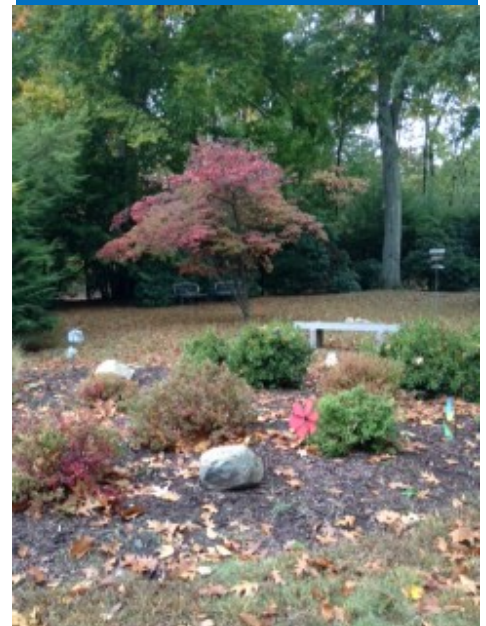
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All Saints Observance Sunday, November 6



"We remember them. Many of us have the ashes of loved ones interred in our beautiful, tranquil Memorial Garden of Arimathea. They are among many whom we will remember at the **All Saints observance during our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 6th. Join us.**



Here is a quote from the letters of Evelyn Underhill that Roberta Nobleman and I used in a play we wrote and performed some years ago.

"God's hand is still over individuals, bringing them out at last by strange paths into the light. All we can do is to hold onto God in the dark or, better, allow Him to hold us. And to try to live in charity."

(Written by Evelyn in her home in London in 1941, during the worst of the Blitz when life was turned upside down for many.)

— Janet Beddoe



The Bishop's Blog: Signs of God's Grace

Dreams to shape our future

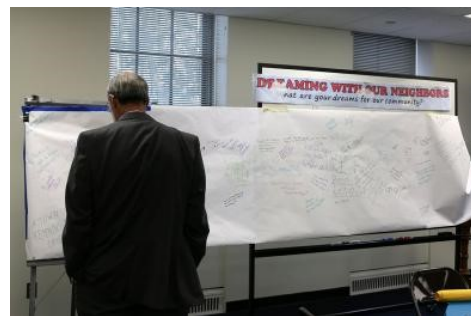
Posted by Mark Beckwith on
October 19, 2016

Many of us in the diocese have been listening to St. Paul's dream as outlined in Acts 16:6-15, which has been a passage used by several groups in their regular Dwelling in the Word practice. Paul's dream took his entourage to Philippi in Macedonia. They didn't expect to go in that direction, but the dream led them there – and on the Sabbath they ventured outside the city walls to a group of women who had gathered there to pray. The dream took them past proper protocol (Jewish men didn't venture outside the city on the Sabbath; and it was near sacrilege to engage in conversation with women). But the dream led them to yet another unexpected place and a heretofore forbidden encounter – and it transformed the development of the church.

A small group of people from across the diocese "dwell" in this Acts passage for six months. As they listened and were drawn into the power of Paul's dream, they designed an experiment that involved putting up a "Dream Board" to enable people to post their dreams, hopes and visions for their congregation and their community, rather than focusing on just "the killer Bs" (budgets, boilers, buildings, and blame for what's not working). One congregation was so intrigued by this experiment that they decided to try it out, putting up their own "Dream Board" first in the parish hall and then in the community. They invited people to write their dreams on the board. And people did. Some of the dreams were rather generic –

peace and harmony in the community; some were specific about that particular neighborhood. And some were glib: one kid's dream was "no more school." But there was an invitation to exercise imagination; and there was a new dimension of engagement between church and community. And there was a curiosity to see what God might be up to.

As I live into my 66th year, I find myself filled with moments of nostalgia. Looking back, savoring memories, honoring moments of transformation. Nostalgia can warm the heart, but it can also short-circuit the capacity to dream. Nostalgia often ends up being a temptation to retrench, to freeze a memory that has been air-brushed of the negative dynamics that were involved in the original experience. I hear "Make America Great Again" as a call to nostalgia – and a deep resistance to acknowledge that the world is much different now than how people want to remember it. I hear similar statements in some conversations I have about the church: "we need to stop Sunday morning sports for kids;" "we



Bishop Mark Beckwith reads the community "Dream Board" inspired by Paul's dream in Acts 16:6-15. NINA NICHOLSON PHOTO.

need to go back to Friday movie and pizza nights with teens." Those aren't dreams. Beneath the nostalgia is an unspoken grief – of a world that does not have the same benchmarks it once did.

God is calling us out. To join in and be transformed by the biblical Dream. It is the Dream of faith – borne by community, carried forward by faith and imagination. Martin Luther King was brought up on this Dream, and he prayed and preached it until he was cut down by someone who couldn't abide any challenge to a system that protects some at the expense of others. Too many have suffered a similar fate. Our joining God in shaping our future, our intentional journeys into our neighborhoods bear

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November Outreach: PLUCKING, PACKING & PRAYERS



Pluck the Turkey FOODraiser

What's happened to our Pilgrim Turkey's feathers? They have been plucked to be transformed into food for Thanksgiving meals for some local needy families. The boxes are beginning to fill up but you have until **Sunday, November 13th** to bring in your donations. Don't worry if you don't have a feather, bring them in anyway! CFA hopes to distribute **3,000** meals so check out this list of most needed items and let's fill the boxes with Thanksgiving fare!

- ❖ supermarket gift cards (keep separate)
- ❖ 12-15 lbs frozen turkey (keep separate)
- ❖ canned yams
- ❖ canned cranberry sauce
- ❖ canned gravy
- ❖ canned fruit
- ❖ canned vegetables
- ❖ hearty soup
- ❖ stuffing
- ❖ rice
- ❖ bag of carrots
- ❖ bag of potatoes

- ❖ bag of apples
- ❖ bag of onions
- ❖ baking mix
- ❖ nuts
- ❖ trail mix
- ❖ raisins
- ❖ coffee
- ❖ tea
- ❖ sugar



Snack Packs Assembly

Before the service on October 23rd Maureen and Fahd (unseen but not unappreciated) prepared the ingredients for October's Weekend Snack Pack assembly. Thanks to all the members of the WSP team! You're great.



Looking Ahead: Calling all Secret Santas!

Christmas will soon be here and, among other opportunities to give, we will again support Youth Consultation Services (YCS) as they try to make the holiday wishes of the children in their care come true.

To quote YCS's plea to us: "While the holidays are a joyous and happy time for so many of us, they can be extremely difficult for children who are separated from their families. We need you to help us make the season brighter for children in our care."

In late November look for the Giving Tree laden with the children's wishes and be a Santa (or be part of a team of Santas by sharing the cost with others). **Delivery of gifts is targeted for the week of December 12.**



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ongoing OUTREACH

Monthly Food Ingathering
Sunday, November 13



Snack Pack Assembly
Sunday, November 27



Support our monthly food drives for Center for Food Action in Englewood.

The grocery cart is filled and blessed for the CFA food pantry on the second Sunday of the month and packs of healthy snacks, which are distributed discreetly to underprivileged school children, are assembled on the fourth Sunday of the month.

It is a wonderful ministry and a huge help to our neighbors in need!

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!
— Hymnal 1982 #

THE NORTHERN VALLEY INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 P.M.

This year's service will be hosted by St. Luke's

Everyone is invited to join in this service of thanksgiving. It will include musical selections by the Interfaith Choir and reflections, readings, and prayers from local clergy to help us focus on this season of Thanksgiving.

Share Our Blessings!

A collection will be taken to benefit the Center for Food Action and Family Promise of Bergen County. The Temple will bring Thanksgiving canned goods to Closter Food Bank



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ECW Update: ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Just a reminder to the congregation about our ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR on Saturday, November 19th, which will be held from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Our set-up crew will need to get all of the tables for the booths set into place on Sunday, November 13. Please stay tuned for more details about that.

During the week, from Monday, November 14 through Thursday, November 17, someone will be at church between 1 and 4 P.M. to receive your donations of items for the various booths.. To contribute to our Money Tree and/or support the raffle, please see Helen Shaw.

Following the Fair, we will need all hands on deck to help re-set the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour the next morning.

Here's to another successful Fair,

Thank you!

Linda Brescia, Jo Stephenson and Helen Shaw.



**For all that has been.
For all that is.
For all that is yet to be.**

We give you thanks, O Lord!

— Dag Hammarskjöld

Crafts for Outreach

Making Hats & Scarves for The Seamen's Church Institute



Once again this year, St. Luke's will participate in our Diocesan effort on behalf of Christmas at Sea, The Seamen's Church Institute's year-round program to make life a little warmer for mariners who are miles from home, whether working "at sea" in international waters or those who are working on inland waterways here in the United States.

We are invited to knit —or crochet— hats and scarves.

To learn what types of garments are acceptable, what yarns to use and to download patterns, please visit The Seamen's Church Institute website at <http://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>.

Our collection will be received in mid-January during our Diocesan Convention. Stay tuned for more news about this project.



St. Luke's will again participate in the American Heart Association's program "Little Hats, Big Hearts." Volunteers around the country are celebrating American Heart Month by knitting red hats for all babies born in February at participating hospitals.

The program helps raise awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of Americans, and congenital

heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country.

Patterns are available online. Hats may be created from any pattern as long as they are red.

Our deadline for finished work is January 1, since Heidi Plinio, who is coordinating our involvement in the program, will need to ship them to the intake center in Connecticut.



Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

We all love our coffee. Or tea. Or whatever beverage. The fellowship is great. So sign up in the Parish Hall to host. Don't want to do it alone? Ask another parishioner to help!

Choir Rehearsal

Sat., Nov. 12

10 A.M.-Noon

If you like to sing, come out and help us out. At our once-a-month long-session rehearsal this time, we will work on the Interfaith Thanksgiving service music. We warm up before Sunday services beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Vestry Meeting

7:30 P.M., Nov. 8

Extended Ministry

Mother Joy will be leading a service at Gallen Adult Day Health Care Center in Rockleigh on **Wednesday, November 16, at 1:45 P.M.** Those wishing to join her should plan to arrive at the facility at 1:30 P.M. Those who participate will tell you this is a wonderful ministry that will enrich all who share in it.

Between the Lines Book Club

NO NOVEMBER MEETING

**Next: December 1 - @ Cousins
Pizza in Norwood at 7:00 PM**

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Fun and games and fabulous potluck food. Join us! **Next: Dec. 18**



Healing Eucharist

If you want to avoid focusing on the Killer Bees our Bishop speaks of in his blog and prefer the 3 Rs of Rest, Recuperation and Richness of the Bible; if you want some respite mid-week from the stress of our times that Mother Joy speaks of in her column and believe "we must hang on to the One who leads us and hang on to each other, always inviting God's healing power to be manifest in our lives and those around us," then do, do attend one of the Wednesday Healing Services at 11:30 A.M. If you come, you'll understand why it's a very special experience. So, again, if you are free, come. When two or three are gathered together....

— Janet Beddoe

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witness to God's Dream. These forays open our souls even more to the wideness of God's mercy, and can perhaps provide an opening for the millions of people to discover a hope that is beyond what their hearts and minds can currently grasp. A hope that is offered to "all God's children," not just some. A hope that believes in spite of the evidence, and then watches the evidence change.

We are inheritors of the biblical Dream. We have a responsibility to carry that Dream into the world. God sent Jesus to incarnate the Dream, and we, as his followers are to be bearers of it – doing whatever we can to join God in bringing our blessedness and belovedness into moments, if not movements, of justice and blessing. It is an extraordinary Dream. Let us join with God and one another by engaging dreams to shape our future.



Stewardship

Please bring your Stewardship Pledge Card with your commitment to church on Sun. Nov. 6 and place it in the basket at the altar before Communion. This will give us time to meet our obligation to the Diocese and submit our pledge by Dec. 1.

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Tri-Valley: Parish Fundraiser

Have breakfast, lunch or dinner at **Tri-Valley Restaurant** on Monday and Wednesday and St. Luke's will receive 10% of your bill. Tri-Valley is located on the corner of Knickerbocker Rd. and DeLong Ave. in Dumont. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are a member of St. Luke's so we get credit for your visit!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Linda & Frank Brescia
- 10 Jo Stephenson
- 12 Janet Beddoe
- 13 Anne Caloz
Roberta Nobleman
- 20 Tom Caloz, Jr.
- 21 Paul Nobleman
- 29 Louise & Paul Kaller

If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!



ADVENT PROGRAM



During the season of Advent, we will gather on Wednesdays at the Rectory from 7 to 8:30 P.M. for Wine & Cheese with a Bible Study. Please join us as we prepare for the coming of God with Us at Christmas!

Parish Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:



Shannan Coleman, Lou Fifer, The Gonci family, Michael, The Klie family, Rachel Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Carol Finstad, Edythe Davis, Cathy O'Donnell, Sheri and Tyler, Scott Lewis, Maryellen Pais, Anne Betterley, Kenneth Calderon, Debbie Booth, Shirley Price, Edo Barzelatto, Gloria Jonassen, The Plinio family, Sue Pastore, Eleanor Abrahamsen, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Eleanor Belisle-Holden, Lisa, Jose Delgado, Elizabeth Sicari, Ralph, Lisa & Doug, Rosemarie; Cheryl; Coby, Hank, Alycia & Julia, Leroy, the Nobleman Family, Bill & Grace Repp, Michael Kelley, Sheila Seigman, The Abouzeid Family, Stephanie Cash, The Pitruzzello Family

To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones are remembered in prayer during the mid-week service of Healing and Eucharist on Wednesdays at 11:30 A.M.

A Change for the Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant



This year, in a departure from past tradition, we will have our Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant **on Christmas Eve** as the opening of our 5:30 P.M. Eucharist service .

We hope all the little shepherds and angels and other participants will be able to come out for this beloved event. Older children are invited to be readers for each tableau.

We will also look to open the opportunity to "star" in the pageant beyond the members of the parish to those in the neighborhood. More to come.

Yup, it's an experiment. We are daring to take the Gospel message beyond our walls...

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November 2016						
◀ October					December ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day 5-7:30AM JDC 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office 7:30 PM Bible Study	2 11:30 A.M. Healing & Eucharist 4-8 PM Mother Joy @ Rectory Office	3 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office	4 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-10 PM Jesus Dream Church	5 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7 PM AA – Open Meeting
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Pentecost 25 All Saints Observed 9:30 Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Sunday School & Coffee 1-5 Jesus Dream Church	7 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	8 Election Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office	9 11:30 A.M. Healing & Eucharist 4-8 PM Mother Joy @ Rectory Office	10 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church Clergy Conf-NO Mother Joy @ Church Office	11 Veterans' Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-10 PM Jesus Dream Church	12 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 A.M.-Noon Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA – Open Meeting
13 Pentecost 26 Veterans' Observance 9:30 Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist, CFA & Pluck the Turkey Ingathering, Sunday School & Coffee 1-5 Jesus Dream Church	4 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg 1-4 PM Drop off items for the FAIR	15 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office 1-4 PM FAIR Item Drop-off 7:30 PM Bible Study	16 11:30 A.M. Healing & Eucharist 1-4 PM FAIR Item Drop-off 1:45 PM Galen Adult Ctr Svce 4-8 PM Mother Joy @ Rectory Office	17 Great American Smokeout 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office 1-4 PM FAIR Item Drop-off	18 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-10 PM Jesus Dream Church	19 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10-4 Annual Holiday Fair 7 PM AA – Open Meeting
20 Last Pentecost Christ the King 9:30 Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Sunday School & Coffee 1-5 Jesus Dream Church 7 P.M. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ St. Luke's	21 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	22 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9:30-12:30 Mother Joy @ Church Office	23 11:30 A.M. Healing & Eucharist NO Mother Joy @ Rectory Office	24 Thanksgiving Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church NO Mother Joy @ Church Office NO Book Club	25 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-10 PM Jesus Dream Church	26 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7 PM AA – Open Meeting
27 Advent 1 9:30 Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Sunday School & Coffee Noon – Snack Pack Assembly 1-5 Jesus Dream Church	28 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	29 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 9-1 Mother Joy @ Church Office	30 11:30 A.M. Healing & Eucharist 4-8 PM Mother Joy @ Rectory Office 7-8:30 Advent Rectory - Wine, Cheese & Bible Study	Save the Dates: Sat., Nov. 19 – Holiday Fair 10 AM- 4 PM Sunday, November 20 @ 7PM Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Looking Ahead in Advent: Wednesday evenings @ Rectory 7-8:30 PM Wine & Cheese & Bible Study		

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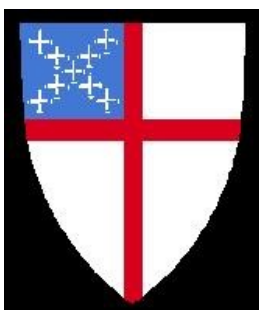
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All Saints Observance

**Remembering Those Who Have
Gone Before Us**

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