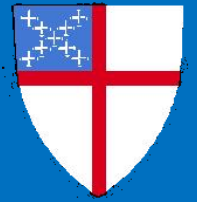




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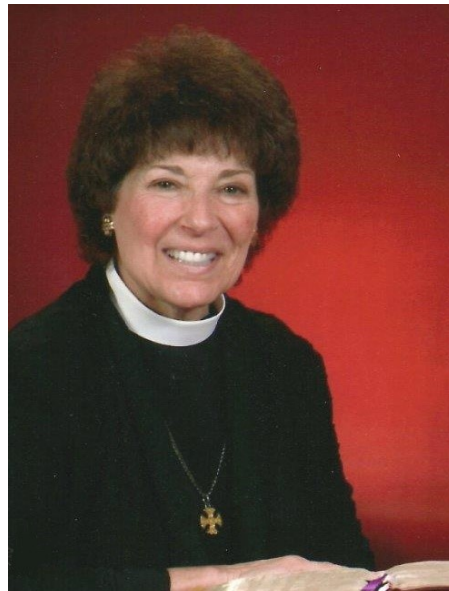
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### Reflections from the Rectory

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



The Rev. Dr. Joy A. Rose

*On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"*

*From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.*

— John 6:60, 66

During this Lenten season, as we grow closer to Good Friday, I have been thinking about this lesson in which, shortly before the crucifixion Jesus was teaching the Jews in the synagogue at Capernaum that he is the Bread of Life. Yet many of his disciples who heard him "returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with him!" It seems unbelievable! So many of us would love to see and hear what the disciples saw and heard and witness his miracles

and hear him speak his parables. We wonder how anyone could walk away from Jesus after having walked with him.\*

Yet, it's really not that hard to understand. Sometimes we turn away from God's invitation out of fear. Change is frightening ... and we're pretty sure Jesus would ask us to change something. What would it mean for us to change our old ways of doing things, our habitual way of relating to others, our tendency to judge and jump to conclusions about events and about others. I guess it's pretty easy to understand people walking away.

We also turn away because the path is a rocky one. Life in the Christian community can be hard. Very hard. At one time or another, I'd guess that everyone wants to "walk away" from organized religion. The church can be a tough place. We hear things that we don't like, we see things that we don't approve of, we are forced to pray with people with whom we do not agree. And that's hard.

But it is in these communities that we often have our most powerful experiences of God. Have you noticed that the Holy Spirit most often happens in groups? Jesus understood this. He didn't call just one apostle to be his assistant, he called a whole group of people to join him in his mission.

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## St. Luke's Episcopal Church Women Set Spring Events

On Palm Sunday, we will be having a **BAKE SALE** in the church hall during coffee hour. Coffee, tea and juice will be served. Please either bring your favorite baked goods to sell or buy something for Easter and coffee hour. The ladies who will be running the sale that day are Jennifer Plunkett and her sister, Christine Pellegrin. Please support St. Luke's Episcopal Church Women.



Also, we as a parish will be having a **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on Saturday, June 3rd. Please join us. In the past, our dinners have been a lot of fun and very successful. When the dinner date gets closer, there will be more details and a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

— Linda Brescia

### Maundy Thursday: A CHOCOLATE Seder?

On Maundy Thursday, we will try something different this year. Instead of the traditional footwashing that commemorates Jesus's act at the Last Supper with his Disciples, we are going to celebrate with a Chocolate Seder followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and the traditional Stripping of the Altar.

So what's up with the chocolate? While the service is modeled on the

traditional Passover Haggadah (the Jewish text that sets for the order of the Passover Seder) everything eaten at this supper is made from chocolate. It's meant to be a fun way to teach children about the rite with the strange foods that reminds them of a vital story of their life with God — and it sets the stage for the birth of the Christian rite of Holy Eucharist. Come join us on one of the most sacred nights of the Christian year.

### Join Us for Easter Breakfast!



Sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know you'll join us for our Easter Potluck Breakfast (a huge thank you to the parishioners from Our Saviour Lutheran from whom we adopted the tradition!) If you can make a dish, let us know. Otherwise, just show up. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship before we celebrate the Risen Christ!



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Easter  
Flowers!  
Deadline:  
Sunday,  
April 2**



## Q&A: Matters of Faith and The Bible

### Q. Are There Any Mistakes in the Bible? Like What?

**A.** That depends upon what you mean. Some Christians believe that because the Bible was inspired by God, it cannot contain mistakes or contradictions. Why? Because God is perfect, and something God “wrote” must be perfect. But, inspiration aside, we should remember that scripture was written by men over centuries, during a primitive time. It seems logical that some passages may not agree with each other.

Some mistakes can be explained based on the primitive science of the time – for example, biblical writers thought the sun revolved around the earth. Today we know better. But other mistakes are due to factual inconsistencies from one passage to another. A famous one is the account of the “Cleansing of the Temple.”

Matthew, Mark, and Luke report that this event occurred in the week before Jesus was crucified, at the end of his ministry. But in John, this event takes place at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. The rational explanation is that John got the chronology wrong, or altered the timeline for theological/literary reasons. But biblical literalists, who insist the Bible is without error, try to explain away the



contradiction by saying Jesus cleansed the temple twice – once at the beginning of his ministry and then again at the end.

The Bible is not a “fact sheet” about God. It is a witness to human experiences of the presence and action of God. God interacts with people and then those people interpret and record the experience according to their understanding of what happened. Different people have different interpretations. Over time, some of those interpretations were collected and became accepted as “scripture” – the Bible.

Remember that the gospel accounts were written decades after the time of Christ and passed along largely by storytelling. It seems reasonable that some of the details among different accounts wouldn’t match up exactly. Less reasonable are the interpretive gymnastics required to harmonize these contradictions in the name of biblical “perfection.”

Consider: Is there a difference between “truth” and “fact”? Can parts of the bible be “true” whether they are “fact” or not?



## Reflections from the Rectory, Continued from Page 1

The church is the place into which we were born and out of which we will leave this life. We are called through baptism into a distinctive place in the church. That means we must not only enjoy its fruits, but also labor in its vineyards. It is in our church that we will work out our salvation, alongside

other sinners – sinners just like ourselves. Though the disciples often quarreled with one another, Jesus wanted them all to be there. When you’re tempted to leave, or when others say that they don’t want you around, remember who called you! It’s your church, too. God called you

into it, by name, on the day of your baptism. God has called you...he will not fail you. Trust in God and believe Him.

—Mother Joy

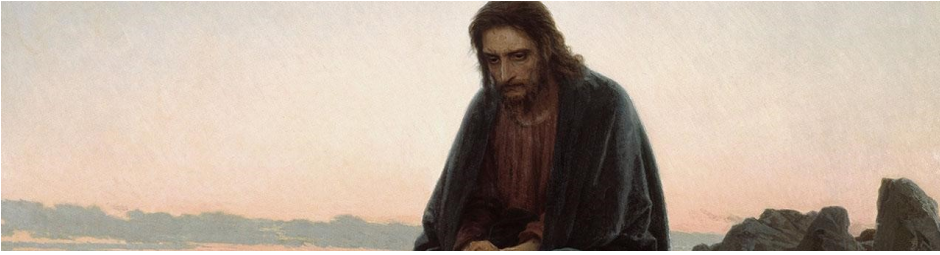
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## Lenten Listening Excursion

*From the Bishop's Blog,*

*Signs of God's Grace*

**Posted by Mark Beckwith**

**(March 15, 2017)**

On Saturday, March 4, representatives from 43 congregations in the diocese spent a half day learning how to participate in a three month "Listening excursion," which would involve making space to listen to scripture, each other and to the local community. They will be invited back on Saturday, June 3 to reflect on what they learned and to discern next steps in this ongoing journey into a new way of living.

Nearly half of the Listening Excursion takes place during the season of Lent. For many of us, and certainly this has long been the case for me, Lent has been a season of giving something up – of saying no. Abstaining from meat or alcohol, declaring a seven-week moratorium on a bad habit, or giving up some escapist activity. I know of many people who have a Facebook fast for Lent. And, as Jesus says in the Gospel, these practices have their reward (Matthew 6: 2,5, 16). But I have come to learn, mainly through the discipline of listening to scripture, that before Lent was about saying no, it was about making space. Making space for God. Which

is a way of saying yes.

God accompanied Jesus into his forty-day sojourn in the wilderness (which the season of Lent commemorates). And every day during that time, and probably for most of every day, Jesus engaged in an activity that made space for God; a practice that was a yes to God. Praying, fasting and self-denial were – and are — disciplines that create space and reinforce yes. So when the devil showed up near the end of Jesus' six-week ordeal, Jesus had a foundation of yes to say no to the devil's sinister temptations to be powerful, wealthy and/or famous.

As a culture, we are being lured into a prolonged season of no. No to certain people

coming into this country, no to certain media coverage, no to facts that don't line up with ideology, no to practices of graciousness and courtesy. These many "No's" do not seem to be built upon a foundation of yes. Instead of opening up space, it tries to shut it down. And the result is a polarization which gives rise to the toxic delusion that God is on my side.

The only side God has ever been on is God's side.

I am finding it hard to resist the temptation of diving headlong into this season of No. I am finding myself more committed to my being "right" and less willing to find space for difference. I want my no to win out over someone else's no. This is not a good place for the soul to reside, because it undermines, if not subverts, our desire to make

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# Save the Dates

## Choir Rehearsal

**Sat., April 1 (moved from March 25) , 8, 22, 10:30 to Noon.** Sunday warmups at 10 AM

## Bible Study

**Next: Apr. 4 @ 7:30 P.M.**

## Last Wednesday Lenten Programs in LENT — Apr. 5, 12

**7:00 P.M. Healing Service**  
**7:30 P.M. Simple Supper**  
**8:00 P.M. Lenten Program**

## CFA Food Drive

**2nd Sundays Next: Apr. 9**

## Vestry Meeting

**Next: Apr. 18 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
**Please note the date change.**

## Parish Fun Night

3rd Sunday of the month at **6 P.M.**  
Fun and games and fabulous pot-luck food. Join us! **Next: April 23**

## Visiting Ministry

Bringing Eucharist to assisted living residents. **Next: On Apr. 18 @ 2:15 Sunrise/Old Tappan, leave church at 1:45. On Apr. 20 @ 2:30 Brookdale/Emerson, leave church at 2:00.**

## Book Club

See **Page 7** for Our Schedule!  
**Next: Apr. 26**

# Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Luke's



## PALM SUNDAY - April 9

10:30 A.M. Blessing and Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

## MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 13

7:00 P.M. Chocolate Seder  
Followed by the  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
And the Stripping of the Altar



## GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

Noon Service — The Way of the Cross/Stations

7:30 P.M.—The Good Friday Service



## EASTER SUNDAY - April 16

9:00 A.M.— Potluck Breakfast

10:30 A.M. Festival Choral Eucharist



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# April Outreach: FEEDING PEOPLE Body & Soul

## snack pack assembly outreach: for KIDS by Janet Beddoe



**M**arch's Snack Packs assembly was one of the best ever when we were visited by some angels who joined our resident angels (St. Luke's Sunday School students) to take care of the packaging and recycling requirements. We regulars came out of the service to find the work of preparing 50 packs done. No instructions had to be given, the job had just been done.

For me, it was a moment of pure joy as I was reminded of the shoemaker and the elves in the Grimm tale.

The visit was a result of Chris Emerizy's conversation with a friend and former fellow teacher, Victoria, who, wanting her children to have a hands-on experience of helping families less fortunate than themselves, asked Chris if her church offered such

an opportunity. Chris told them about our monthly assembly of packs to go to needy children in local schools who were eligible for free lunches at school but often went hungry at weekends. Victoria and her husband, Robert, brought their children and threw themselves into the task. Our Sunday School joined in and we had a blessed event! **Our next Snack Pack Assembly is April 23 after service.**



## Monthly Food Ingathering for CFA on Sunday, April 9

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 every month. Help our less fortunate neighbors. To learn more about CFA, click here:

<http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/>

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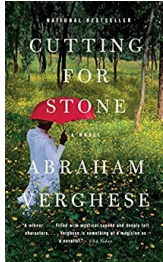


## Between the Lines Book Club Meets on Last Wednesdays of the Month

The Book Club will meet in 2017 at **Tri-Valley Restaurant** on the last Wednesday of the month to take advantage of the restaurant's generous donation to St. Luke's (see the notice below). Join us for dinner or dessert & coffee @ 7:30 P.M. — and whether you have read the book or not. Check out our schedule!

### The April Read: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles—and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined.



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|--------------|---|
| April 26     | <u><i>Cutting for Stone</i></u> - Abraham Verghese          |
| May 31       | <u><i>Whistling Past the Graveyard</i></u> - Susan Crandall |
| June 28      | <u><i>On Gold Mountain</i></u> - Lisa See                   |
| July 26      | <u><i>The Fall of Marigolds</i></u> - Susan Meissner        |
| August 30    | <u><i>The Day We Met</i></u> - Rowan Coleman                |
| September 27 | <u><i>The Husband's Secret</i></u> - Liane Moriarty         |
| October 25   | <u><i>The Man Called Ove</i></u> - Fredrik Backman          |
| November     | No meeting  |
| December 6   | <u><i>The Gift</i></u> - Peter Hamill                       |

### Bishop's Blog—From P. 4

space for God – and to say yes to God.

One thing I want to do this Lent – and beyond – is to seek out people whose yes to God is very different from my own. I help coordinate a group called Bishops United Against Gun Violence. Since the Newtown, CT school shooting in 2012, we have become a network of 70 bishops committed to reducing

gun violence through public witness, advocacy and education. In the last few months, there have been all sorts of legislative initiatives around the country and in New Jersey, which permit open carry of weapons and which allow people with a documented history of mental illness to receive firearm permits.

I don't understand the rationale behind these initiatives. They feel like very dangerous "No's"

to me. But there are people, many people, who support these initiatives because they are built on their yes to God. I want to create a space to listen to them. To learn from them. And to listen for and to God in the midst of the conversation, who no doubt is yearning for a life-giving way forward.

It will be a listening excursion. I invite you to design a listening excursion of your own.

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### Tri-Valley: Parish Fundraiser

Have breakfast, lunch or dinner at **Tri-Valley Restaurant** on Monday and Wednesday an 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!

## Parish Prayer List

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



Shannan Coleman, The Gonci Family, Michael, The Klie Family, Rachel Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Scott Lewis, Edythe Davis, Sheri and Tyler, Maryellen Pais, Anne Betterley, Kenneth Calderon, Debbie Booth, The Price Family, The Family of Gloria Jonassen, Keith, Sue Pastore, Marie Romano, Eleanor Abrahamsen, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Eleanor Belisle-Holden, Lisa, Jose Delgado, Elizabeth Sicari, Ralph, Lisa & Doug, Cheryl; Rosemarie; Coby, Hank, Alycia & Julia, Leroy, The Nobleman Family, Bill & Grace Repp, Michael Kelley, Sheila Seigman, The Pitruzzello Family, Stephanie Cash, Angela Stabler, Michael de Mare, Mary Lynn Davis, Polly & Jessica, Terrence Pellegrin, Deborah Holden-Holloway, the Family of Filomena Leone, the Family of Ryan Lee Alexander.

## Folding Palm Crosses



Join us on **Friday, April 7 at 7:30 PM** at church as we continue what has become a new tradition: folding Palm Crosses for distribution to neighborhood establishments. It's a lot of fun plus we order pizza!

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

|    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 4  | Carol Maxfield              |
| 8  | Susan Gonci<br>Karen Moylan |
| 19 | Helen Shaw                  |
| 28 | Jane Coleman                |

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



To add names to our prayer list, please call: Sue Gonci., 201-220-3090 OR **Email the Church office at [Office@StLukesHaworth.org](mailto: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.

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

**We give you thanks, O Lord!**

**— Dag Hammarskjöld**

## JARS FOR CHANGE



It's a simple idea, especially for anyone who has pockets in their pants or skirt: Empty the spare change you've thrown into your pockets when you break a dollar bill into one of Heidi's Jars. Yes, Heidi Plinio has provided **Jars for Change** for St. Luke's.

Just ask Heidi or Bob for a jar — decorated with your favorite color ribbon and your name. that jar is YOURS. The jar contents will be collected each quarter in 2017 — June 1, September 1, December 1 and March 1, 2018. Proceeds go to St. Luke's Operating Expenses.

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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |       |
|   |  |  |  |   |  | 1<br>5-7:30AM<br>JDChurch<br>9:30 Altar Guild<br>10:30 A.M-Noon<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7 PM – AA<br>Open Meeting      |       |
| 2 Lent 5<br>10 AM Choir<br>10:30 Holy<br>Eucharist, Sunday<br>School & Coffee<br>Noon<br>1-5 JDChurch   | 3<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg   | 4<br><br>7:30 Bible Study  | 5<br><br>7:00 PM Healing<br>7:30 PM Light<br>Supper<br>8:00 Lenten Study<br>Program        | 6<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg   | 7<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church<br>7:30 P.M. Palm<br>Cross Folding &<br>Pizza @ church                            | 8<br>5-7:30AM<br>JDChurch<br>9:30 Altar Guild<br>PolishFest<br><br>7 PM – AA<br>Open Meeting                         |       |
| 9 Palm Sunday<br>10 AM Choir<br>10:30 Holy<br>Eucharist, Sunday<br>School & Coffee;<br>Noon ECW Bake<br>Sale<br>1-5 JDChurch                      | 10<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg  | 11   | 12<br><br>7:00 PM Healing<br>7:30 PM Light<br>Supper<br>8:00 Final Lenten<br>Study Program | 13 Maundy<br>Thursday<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg<br>7:00 Chocolate<br>Seder+Eucharist+<br>Stripping of Altar | 14 Good Friday<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church<br>Noon – Stations of<br>the Cross<br>7:30 PM Good<br>Friday Service | 15<br>5-7:30AM<br>JDChurch<br>9:30 Altar Guild<br>10:30 A.M-Noon<br>Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7 PM – AA<br>Open Meeting |       |
| 16 Easter<br>9 Easter Potluck<br>Breakfast<br>10 AM Choir<br>10:30 Holy<br>Eucharist, Sunday<br>School & Coffee<br>1-5 JDChurch                   | 17 Tax Day (Taxes<br>Due)<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg   | 18<br>2:15 Sunrise/ Old<br>Tappan, leave<br>church at 1:45.<br>7:30 Vestry<br>(moved from April<br>11) | 19   | 20 5-7:30AM<br>JDC Church<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg<br>2:30 PM<br>Brookdale/<br>Emerson, leave<br>church at 2:00                                 | 21<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church  | 22 Earth Day<br>5-7:30AM<br>JDChurch<br>9:30 Altar Guild<br>7 PM – AA<br>Open Meeting                                |       |
| 23 Easter 1<br>10 AM Choir<br>10:30 Eucharist,<br>Sunday School &<br>Coffee; Noon –<br>Snack Packs<br>1-5 JDChurch<br>6:00 PM Parish<br>Fun Night | 24<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg  | 25   | 26   | 27 5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church<br>10 AM – AA<br>Women's Mtg<br>7:30 Book Club @<br>Tri-Valley   | 28 Arbor Day<br>5-7:30AM<br>Jesus Dream<br>Church  | 29<br>5-7:30AM<br>JDChurch<br>9:30 Altar Guild<br>10:30 A.M-Noon<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7 PM – AA<br>Open Meeting     |       |
| 30<br>10 AM Choir<br>10:30 Holy<br>Eucharist, Sunday<br>School & Coffee<br>1-5 JDChurch   | Notes: Mother Joy will be away at the Diocesan House for New Start on April 6 <sup>th</sup> and at Diocesan Clergy Renewal of Vows in Madison on April 11 <sup>th</sup> .<br><br>The Rectory/Church office will be closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday - April 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> . In case of an emergency, Mother Joy can be reached on her cell phone at 386-506-2247. She will be away from April 25 through May 2. |  |  |   |  |  |       |



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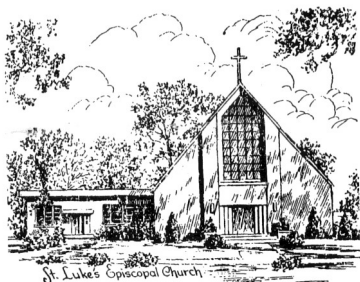
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## Check It Out!

**Shrove Tuesday: The Last Hurrah Before Lent Begins!**  
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