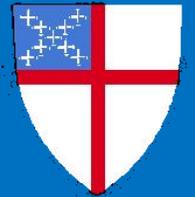


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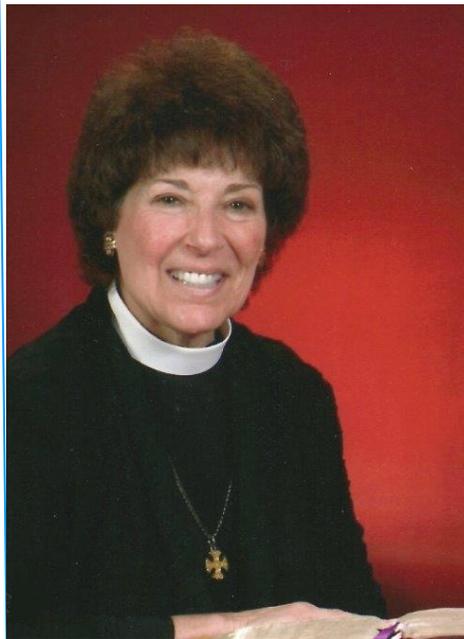
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Reflections from the Rectory

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



Fall/Leaves/Thanksgiving

Once again, I'm sitting at the computer, looking out the rectory office window and seeing the leaves changing color and falling off the trees,

Leaves fall. We fall. This falling – sometimes difficult and painful – can be useful and even essential for learning and growth. Our falling is sometimes caused by something we've done or sometimes by something left undone, and sometimes by something someone has done to us. Often there's nothing we could or should have done to prevent it. Sometimes it's important to just let go.

Most of us let go... a bit at a time... perhaps even reluctantly... to what

used to be essential to our lives. It's a bit like an infant giving up the bottle. It forces us to reassess our priorities as we clean out and clear away. Talk to anyone who has "downsized" and they will tell you both how difficult it was to do and how wonderful it felt once it was over. How letting go of stuff enabled them to give it away with truly generous hearts. How it became an opportunity to start over again with a "clean slate." It's also an opportunity to ponder the future...to think about what comes next, and to determine what God is up to and how we can best live out his plans for us.

Fall in the church is the season of harvest and of giving thanks for that harvest through our stewardship. It's a time of looking back and celebrating the good things that have been given to us. The first Pilgrims followed the example of their ancestors. They celebrated the harvest by thanking God through communal worship and by tithing the first fruits of their labors.

God has likewise blessed and sustained us. Now He calls us to give thanks and share the blessing. We do that with our worship and through our pledges.

Then together we will move to the next place God has prepared for us... the place from which the next good things will grow.

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Commemorating St. Francis of Assisi: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Whether they are furry, fuzzy, finned or feathered, our beloved animal companions enrich our lives every day. They bring us joy and love that is unconditional.

It was quite a sight to behold on Sun., Oct. 8 when we held our Annual Blessing of the Animals ceremony. Creatures of all kinds — dogs, cats, hamsters, you name it, they came.

One of the most popular services we have all year, it was filled with songs sung in the voices of both human- and animal-kind. And it was all harmonious!

See **Page 8** for more fun photos.

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Mother Joy conducts the Blessing of the Animals ceremony during service.



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Monthly Ingathering

November 12

See the special

Thanksgiving appeal

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A Farewell Letter to the Parish

10-15-2017

Dear Friends,

One of the blessings of being a priest in these times is that we have the opportunity to serve a number of different parishes and meet a wide variety of different people. Unlike times past, the average tenure of a full-time priest these days is 6-8 years. A priest today who comes and expects to stay 25 or 35 years with one parish is almost unheard of. Times change, people change and ways of doing things change. Change is inevitable and for the most part change is good. Change is a sign of God leading us forward. On the other hand, most people don't like change.

The purpose of this letter is to say that as your priest I recognize that it is time for me to make a change.

During my time here I have come to know most of you very well...and have enjoyed being your priest. I have tried to encourage a vision about the future. I have set some things in motion and generated or endorsed some new ideas or programs. I made some changes in the liturgy of the service...which those of you who are life-long Episcopalians recognized as "the way we used to do it." Some of you liked those ideas and changes — some of you really, really disliked them. And...I have no doubt that whoever comes after me will offer other ideas and changes.

The specifics are that I will continue to serve as your priest through November. I will celebrate All Saints Sunday with you and take hosting duties in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Nov, 19...and celebrate weekly Sunday Eucharists.

I leave you with wishes for many blessings in the coming year. I thank you for all your help and support. I thank you individually for the variety of gifts and talents and friendship that you shared with me and with the church. I give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve the congregation at St. Luke's, to get to know you all well, and to work with and be a part of the clergy in the Diocese of Newark, N.J.

Blessings!

Mother Joy+

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 5



Join us on Sunday, November 5 for our All Saints observance. On that day we remember all of those we love who have died.

Again this year, we will follow the beautiful tradition Mother Joy introduced of lighting a candle as the list of names — the Necrology — is read.



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We need not fear...we can let go and give freely. God has promised there will be enough. God has blessed and sustained us through this year; and will continue to do so in the coming year. Now He calls us to live freely, fearlessly, and faithfully...trusting fully in his bountiful goodness.

Let us gather together and prepare our hearts and spirits for the thanksgiving celebration.

Blessings,
Mother Joy+



Resentment and giving
From the Bishop's Blog,
Signs of God's Grace
Posted by Mark Beckwith
(Oct. 18, 2017)

Resentment sells. Social media has become a platform for injuries, slights and blame. Our President has a rather perverse skill in fomenting and facilitating resentment. He does it because he has figured out that lots of people – from every political stripe, want to buy it. And yet, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu has said, resentment is drinking poison and then expecting someone else to get sick.

At least initially, the poison tastes good. I know. I have drunk the poison of resentment from time to time. It goes down easy, my adrenaline gets a quick rush, someone else is put down – and for a short period of time there is the illusion that the balance of the universe is tipped in favor of the resenter – and against the resented. But in the end resentment only serves to put greater distance between the person drinking the poison and the person who is supposed to get sick.

In some moments I think that resentment is becoming a de facto religion in our culture. The Latin root for religion is *religio* – that which binds people together. Increasingly people are bound together by their shared resentment, which can easily and rapidly become hardened – leading to a polarity that can seem impossible to bridge.

The Christian life provides some important antidotes to resentment. They are not theological bromides. They take work, and consistent working at. Giving is a start. If you began your journey in the giving of money as I did, there was a certain measure of resentment to work through. I felt pressured and anxious – and the anxiety impelled me to hold on to what I had (which some cultural calculus had determined wasn't very much). I resented the whole enterprise. When my wife and I began tithing in the first year of our marriage, at her insistence, I began to discover a level of freedom that was completely new and unexpected. It was the beginning of a freedom from resentment over who had more – or who lived on the other side of the polarity. It was a freedom from resentment at whatever group (church, college, agency) that was holding its hand out.

giving wasn't giving at all – it was making payments on an obligation. It was transactional. It invited resentment and truncated freedom. Giving at the tithing level became transformational – because it was literally stepping out of the realm of resentment into a place of gratitude. Abundance became more than just a philosophical concept; it became a way of looking at the world. Giving thanks was no longer pro forma response to satisfy some social etiquette, but became an authentic expression of the heart.

I still have spasms of resentment. Most of us do. To get out of that stuck place – and to resist the purveyors of resentment, I give something – time, money, thanks.

More often than not, it works.

I discovered that my prior history of



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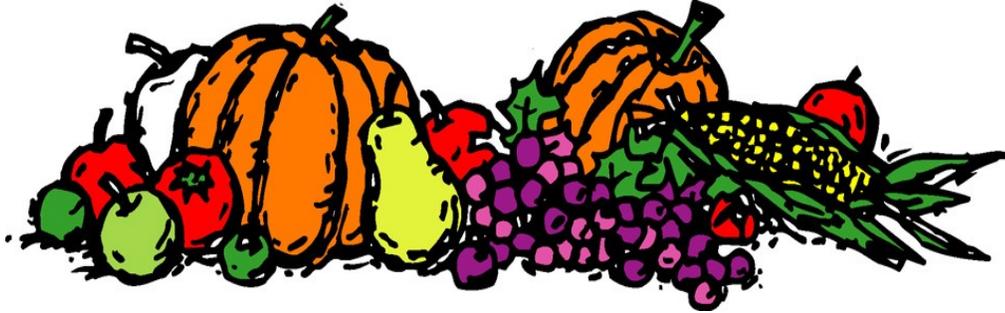
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NORTHERN VALLEY INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 P.M.

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.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit
The Center for Food Action & Family Promise of Bergen County.

Following the service, St. Luke's will host a Wine & Cheese reception in the Parish Hall. Coffee, tea, water and soft drinks will also be provided. Participating congregations are invited to bring simple finger food "munchies" to share in fellowship.



**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 be a partner and help!



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Outreach: Walk-in Dinner Update



The Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center is a shared project between the County of Bergen and the Housing Authority of Bergen County — A Collaborative Approach to Meeting Human Services Needs

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”....”Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?.” And the king will answer, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” — Matthew 26

All of us from St. Luke’s and the Church of the Savior (the Lutheran church in Paramus) who served the dinner to walk-ins at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services facility on Thursday, October 26th, think ourselves blessed to be able to show love in the giving of food to the hungry. We gave generously, perhaps too generously as, for the first time, we ran out of the chicken dish

before all had received a portion.

There were various reasons for this: among them generosity of spirit and too much variety of food, so the guests wanted something from each open dish and they slowed down and those at the back of the line became anxious. We were also told later by Family Promise, who organize the Walk in Dinner program, that October numbers have been unusually high and another group had, the previous day, also run out of food.

The cause of this spike is not yet clear. We are asked to anticipate 135 guests at the end of the month and in fact served 130, but it was 130 hungry people. Kay and Tammy Lynch filled part of the gap by donating a roasted chicken they had

bought for their own dinner — as Mother Joy said, a true act of love.

We clearly need to look again at the menu we serve and the way we serve it, but let’s make sure that next time we have an overabundance of food by having more St. Luke’s members taking on the task of cooking a dish at home and bringing it to St. Luke’s. Share this act of love with those who are privileged to be present in person.

Let us also take from this experience an awareness of how important the ministry of feeding the hungry is. *The numbers of hungry and homeless, among children as well as adults, is growing.* There is a need we must, as God’s children, try to meet. Our gifts to the Center for Food Action, as well as our provision of weekend snack packs to less fortunate children in our neighborhood, do make a difference.

— Janet Beddoe



Youth Consultation Services Secret Santa Program

It will soon be that time of year again, so look out for the Giving Tree with gift requests from some very disadvantaged young people in our neighborhood. How many gifts can we promise? How many young people can we delight?

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BEYOND THE BAG



In just a few weeks, many of us will be enjoying a bountiful Thanksgiving meal with family and friends, but for thousands of local families in need Thanksgiving will be like every other day; a struggle to put sufficient food on their tables.

Between now and November 21, CFA will be working to collect the food and funds needed to help our neighbors in need celebrate this important American holiday.

Our goal is to provide 3,200 households...that's approximately 9,500 people with Thanksgiving dinner + a weekend of trimmings.

WHAT WE NEED FOR THANKSGIVING:

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Stuffing
Pasta Sauce

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Prefer to make an online donation? Click [here](#).

Questions? Please call Irwin Vogelmann at 201-321-3142 or ivogelman@cfan.org



Parishioners & Guests Bring Pets to The Blessing of the Animals

Photos courtesy of Susanne Beylader



**Monthly Food Ingathering
for Center for Food Action
Sunday, Nov. 12**



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/>



**ONGOING
Tri-Valley Restaurant
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!



Save the Dates

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Warm-ups at 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School

Next: Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Sunday School will be on Sunday mornings right after our 10:30 service at church. The class is for pre-school through sixth grade.

Snack Pack Assembly

Next: Nov. 5



**Bible
Study**

Next: Nov. 7 & 21 @ 7:30 P.M.

In adult Bible Study we will be studying the Psalms, All are welcome.

Vestry Meeting

Next: Nov. 14 @ 7:30 P.M.

Book Club

**NO November Meeting
Next: Stay tuned...**

Parish Fun Night

3rd Sundays 6 P.M. Next: Dec. 17

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

We give you thanks, O Lord!

— Dag Hammarskjöld

Parish Prayer List

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



Rachel Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Sue Pastore, Marie Romano, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, The Nobleman Family, Bill & Grace Repp, Stephanie Cash, Angela Stabler, Deborah Holden-Holloway, Patti Kennelly, Stephanie Bailey, Rich Gonci, Jr., Cathy O'Donnell, Doug Lynch, Michael Snyder, The Family of Jean Tandyrak, Kenny Calderon, Quinn Rosa, The Family of Michael Kelley

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

Our Prayer List will now be reviewed on a monthly basis to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact the office if you wish to keep people on the list for prayers. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones may also be remembered in prayer during the service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our 10:30 Holy Eucharist.



Peace starts with a smile.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Linda & Frank Brescia
- 10 Jo Stephenson
- 12 Janet Beddoe
- 13 Anne Caloz, Roberta Nobleman
- 20 Aran Koo
- 21 Paul Nobleman



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

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain that he is his also patron of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9:30 Choir Warm-up 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Fellowship Noon - Snack Pack Assembly 1-5 JDChurch	6 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	7 Election Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	8 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 5-7 PM Jesus Dream Church	9 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	10 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	11 Veterans Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
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19 Pentecost 24 (Thanksgiving observed) 9:30 Choir Warm-up 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Fellowship 1-5 JDChurch 7:00 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service & Reception	20 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	21 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7:30 PM Bible Study	22 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 5-7 PM Jesus Dream Church NO Book Club	23 Thanksgiving Day 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	24 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church	25 5-7:30AM Jesus Dream Church 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting
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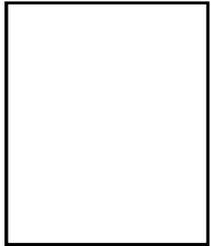


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