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A Thought for May

The sound of laughter
carries farther than the
sound of weeping.

Regular Service Times

Sunday:

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
Adult Forum at 9:30 am
Sung Mass at 10:30 am

Tuesday:

Morning Prayer at 8:30 am

Wednesday:

Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm

Thursday:

Said Mass at 11:30 am

From the Rector's Study

"Growing into Spiritual Adulthood"

The upcoming season of Whitsuntide reminds each year that Pentecost occasioned the Church's "coming of age" rite of passage. She was no longer the spiritual infant—represented by Mary and St. John—born of the blood and water that sprang from the Calvary baptismal font of Christ's pierced side. She had matured from being "born again" to becoming a spiritual adult filled with the Holy Spirit to understand Divine Truth and to accomplish great things for God's Kingdom with His seven gifts. We must remember that, in St. John's vision of the Church in Revelation, she appears as the Lamb's Bride, so the only way that she can become this is to continuing growing in the depths of Christ's knowledge and love, and in the breadth of all nations that He has instructed her to evangelize with the Gospel. What we learn from this, with echoes of Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom in His parables (like the Mustard Seed, e.g.), the church becomes more "grown-up" by continuing to mature both inwardly and outwardly.

This mystery of the Christian life we all experience, together as a parish, and individually as parishioners. We may not be always cognizant of this reality, but we do (paradoxically) develop on a supernatural plane while our physical selves endure the decay of mortal life. We don't live two different lives simultaneously, mind you; but our essential person—the spirit of our being—continues to progress, even as our material parts deteriorate. This phenomenon has no comparison in any other religion. No other faith conceives of spiritual development as a growth of "the self" from childhood to adulthood. Popular spiritualities, often inspired by Eastern philosophies and religions, preach ever-increasing levels of enlightenment, but with often contradictory perspectives on the impact to "the self." Some orient towards its negation, others toward its gratification. Only Christianity reveals that from our adoption in Jesus Christ, we do really begin a journey toward a "grown-up" knowledge of God and fellowship with Him. This happens by maturing through phases that some spiritual writers have called the "Purgative," the "Illuminative" and the "Unitive." St. Peter encouraged just recently in a Morning Prayer Lesson: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 St. Peter 2:2).



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This means that it is not God's design that we remain in a spiritual "Never Never Land." Just as the whole Catholic Church has not stayed a spiritual child, not one of us at St. Luke Anglican Church has been born again in Christ by Baptism to remain so, either. God does not want us to be content with rudimentary religion, never achieving the fullness of adulthood. Milk is good for beginners, but God's grace promises more richness of knowledge, communion and vocation. But we have to desire it!

As Christians, we can dutifully attend church every Sunday and never get past the spiritual aptitude of toddlers. But to be an adult, we have to accept the insecurity of not "being complete," realizing that much more lies outside of our normal routine. Nobody gets there immediately; so by analogy, we must aspire after it like a human child does. We must listen to adults and imitate them so we can start to "be" and "do" as they do; then we can deal with adult things. Otherwise, we're just stuck: stuck with never grasping higher teaching, never deepening in our devotion, and never being able to wisely utilize spiritual knowledge. This is why the author of Hebrews writes: "For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:13-14).

Why are the writers of the New Testament so emphatic about this? Because, to a considerable degree, they take inspiration in the image and likeness of Christ as the basis of spiritual growth. Although we as Christians cannot possibly be tasked with replicating the earthly life of Jesus, His journey from being the "firstbegotten brought into the world" to becoming the glorified Son who "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (as described in Hebrews 1) certainly can represent our own spiritual climb to the heights of God's fellowship.

Jesus did not remain on earth after His Resurrection, but He ascended into heaven to live and reign forever at the side of His Heavenly Father. By analogy, so we should imitate His example in our own spiritual ascent. "Seek those things which are above," as we hear from St. Paul to the Colossians during this Eastertide. This does not mean neglecting the who and what around us here on earth but approaching them from a heavenly perspective—as a mature Christian who lives in the Spirit and uses His gifts. As St. Paul explains, "that the *man* of God may be[come] perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (I Timothy 3:17).

For each one of us, and for all of us as a parish, this earthly journey is gifted to us in order to become a mature disciple and a holy saint prepared to enter heaven—a truth that our Collect for Ascension Sunday very much keeps in view:

"O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven...send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen."

God gives us the presence and power of His Spirit in Word and Sacrament that each of us be the Church in microcosm—a baby drinking only spiritual milk who grows into a man feasting on spiritual meat. I want to encourage everyone at St. Luke to take full advantage of our preparation for Pentecost (see the Spiritual Reflection about the Novena) and our celebration of the Whitsuntide liturgies (see service schedule below) to make this year one during which we don't just preserve our elementary religious habits, but really cultivate advanced degrees of knowledge and devotion to help one grow into spiritual adulthood.

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

5/2 Deidre Daniels
 5/3 Beverly Roberts
 5/7 Joseph McRoy
 5/10 Fr. Eric Lewis
 5/11 Jordan Hewett
 5/13 Esther Wairimu
 5/14 Roberta Hannibal
 5/28 Gladys Fox
 5/29 Kent Hannibal

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St. Anne's Guild

March 21, 2021, Minutes
12 pm

Attendance: Jennifer McRoy, Father Trout, Juliet Bequillo, Rebecca Blair, Ginger Flannigan. Jennifer called the meeting to order and then Father trout began the meeting with a prayer.

Events: Jennifer called to approve the minutes for the last meeting and Rebecca seconded. Thank you to Peggy Howell for donating \$200 to the Alter Guild—\$100 for candles, \$100 for flowers.

Confirmation and Bishop Reception: Confirmation and Bishop Reception will take place on March 28. Food will include Mac n Cheese, Lasagna, Chick-fil-a, Cake, Veggie tray with dip, Cole slaw, chips with dip and sweet and unsweet tea.

Easter: Coffee and Cake after both masses.

Wine and Cheese: Wine and Cheese will take place on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will include Wine provided by Jennifer and Barbara. Crackers and Cheese will be provided by Father Trout, Lance and Ginger.

Renewal of Vows: St. Anne's Guild will be hosting a renewal of vows on May 29. You should be here by 5:30 at the latest.

Rebecca moved to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer seconded. Donations: \$6. Next Meeting: 4/25



Remember that all parish ladies will be honored on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 9)
 with a special blessing and a token of appreciation
 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion services.

Saint of the Month

St. Bede (May 27)

Most folks with some recollection of Western history remember the name of St. Bede “the Venerable”—one of the best minds of the early European Middle Ages. As Anglicans, especially, we honor this scholar and churchman as a very influential figure in the development of our English Christianity.

Although himself the chief historian of his time, the Venerable Bede wrote almost nothing of his own life, so piecing together a biography is tricky. The *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* indicates that Bede was born of wealthy parents in old Northumbria, located in far northeastern England around the year 672. At age seven his parents sent him to the local monastery to be educated by the monks; thenceforth, Bede embraced the cloistered life and probably made his vows as a teenager. The young Bede so impressed his superiors with his dedication and talents that he was deaconed at only nineteen (the canonical age was twenty-five) and later ordained to the priesthood around age thirty. He attached himself mostly to the abbey of Wearmouth-Jarrow and quickly earned a reputation throughout the whole of England as a gifted writer and teacher. Indeed, his surviving letters indicate that Bede was in correspondence with most of his major intellectual contemporaries. He completed over sixty books—an astonishing output for the time—most of which are still known, and most of which found their way into the medieval classroom. Bede also enjoyed music and was said to be accomplished as a singer and as a reciter of poetry in the vernacular.



Here in the West, of course, the Venerable Bede is especially remembered as the “father of English history” for his seminal work *An Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, which he completed around 731. Beginning with Julius Caesar’s invasion in 55 B.C., Bede sketched the history of Roman Britain; but he then spent the remainder of the work focusing on the spread of Christianity through England, beginning with the martyrdom of St. Alban, the mission of St. Augustine to the Anglo-Saxons in

the early 6th Century, and finally bringing the story up to his own day with the success of the Gospel in his own region of Northumbria. The five-volume work remains one of the most important glimpses into early medieval society and how Christianity formed its culture; Bede particularly intended the work to demonstrate how the Christian Faith was uniting the various inhabitants of Britain and had the power to overcome controversies such as the Easter dating dispute settled at the Synod of Whitby in 664. Including his *History*, Bede also delved into math and science, especially cosmology with how the movements of the sun and moon affected the appearance of their respective luminosity and the change of seasons; he also made a new calculation of the age of the world since the creation. In the theological realm, Bede translated many works of the Church Fathers and portions of the Bible into the Anglo-Saxon dialect. He also wrote numerous commentaries on books of both the Old and New Testaments.

Bede died on Ascension Day in 735 and was buried at Jarrow, but his remains were transferred to Durham Cathedral in the 11th Century where they remain to this day. Although he was venerated across England by the 14th Century, Bede was not actually canonized until 1935, thirty-six years after was made a Doctor for his scholarship. He remains the only Englishman with this distinction.

Music Director Notes

May, the Month of Our Lady

During the month of May, we celebrate the Queenship of Our Lady. The Church has historically dedicated the month of May to Our Lady's maternity, acknowledging her as mother of all the baptized, through whom motherhood has been raised to a divine vocation. Early in the month, a statue of the Virgin at church is crowned with a wreath of roses, and roses are laid at her feet. Little girls and boys dress up in their best, often in blue or in their First Communion clothes; one child carries the crown on a cushion to the statue and another child is chosen to crown the statue.

If you go outside early in May, face East, and look directly up overhead, you will see a relatively faint "L" in the sky (assuming the sky is clear enough, which is quite an assumption to make in New York!). This is the constellation Coma Berenices -- a constellation, whether mythically or not, that was named after a Queen. The second brightest star in this constellation is called "Diadem" -- crown of royalty. Take your children outside, point out the star Diadem to them, and think of Our Lady, crowned in Heaven: our Queen Mother who wants nothing more than for us to love her Son.



Why is Mary our heavenly Queen? The King of Kings requires a Queen, and in the Israelite kingdom of David, it is the King's *Mother* who sits on the throne and exerts power as "The Great Lady" ("gebirah," as this position is known in Hebrew). Just as Bathsheba, the mother of King Solomon, acted as intercessor for the people of Israel in I Kings 2:19-20.

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Revelation 11:19a, 12:1

"We, too, approach thee to-day, O Queen; and again, I say, O Queen, O Virgin Mother of God, staying our souls with our trust in thee, as with a strong anchor. Lifting up mind, soul and body, and all ourselves to thee, rejoicing in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, we reach through thee One who is beyond our reach on account of His Majesty. If, as the divine Word made flesh taught us, honour shown to servants, is honour shown to our common Lord, how can honour shown to thee, His Mother, be slighted? How is it not most desirable? Art thou not honoured as the very breath of life? Thus shall we best show our service to our Lord Himself. What do I say to our Lord? It is sufficient that those who think of Thee should recall the memory of Thy most precious gift as the cause of our lasting joy. How it fills us with gladness! How the mind that dwells on this holy treasury of Thy grace enriches itself. This is our thank-offering to thee, the first fruits of our discourses, the best homage of my poor mind, whilst I am moved by desire of thee, and full of my own misery. But do thou graciously receive my desire, knowing that it exceeds my power. Watch over us, O Queen, the dwelling-place of our Lord. Lead and govern all our ways as thou wilt. Save us from our sins. Lead us into the calm harbour of the divine will. Make us worthy of future happiness through the sweet and face-to-face vision of the Word made flesh through thee. With Him, glory, praise, power, and majesty be to the Father and to the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen." St. John Damascene, Sermon on the Dormition, AD 676

Thou art all fair, O Mary, and the ancestral sin is not upon thee. Thy clothing is as pure as snow, and thy face shineth as the sun. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the delight of Israel, thou art worthy of the respect of our people. Thou art all fair, O Mary.

Spiritual Reflection

For centuries, the Church has perennially observed a “Novena to the Holy Ghost” from Ascension Day through the day before the Vigil of Pentecost. This year, the novena will begin on Thursday, May 13 and end on Friday, May 21. For us Anglicans, this novena has been included in our St. Augustine’s Traditional Prayer Book, but why do we Christians continue to observe these solemn nine days? We do so in imitation of the first novena prior to the historical day of Pentecost, which the Apostles with the B.V.M. kept at the Lord’s command, as St. Luke records in his Gospel (24:49-53) and in Acts 1:4-9. Jesus instructed the His closest followers that a dedicated period of prayer was necessary to receive—in right disposition—the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s power; so, we renew this tradition each year, that our annual Pentecost (Whitsunday) celebration refresh the pious among us with an outpouring of His presence and seven gifts.

Father Trout will post each daily prayer on Faithlife beginning May 13, but here is the daily prayer that everyone is encouraged to pray throughout the novena:

O Holy Spirit, my Lord and my God, I adore Thee and humbly acknowledge here in Thy sacred presence that I am nothing and can do nothing, without Thy operation within me. Come, great Paraclete, thou Father of the poor, Thou Comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Saviour, who would not leave us orphans, and enter my mind and heart as Thou didst descend on the day of Pentecost upon the Holy Mother of Jesus and upon His first disciples. Grant that I may have a part in those gifts, which Thou didst so prodigally bestow upon them.

Take from my heart all that is not pleasing to Thee and make of it a worthy dwelling place for Jesus.

Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal welfare.

Inflame my heart with pure love of the Father, that, cleansed from attachment to all unworthy objects, my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God.

Strengthen my will, that it may be conformable to the will of my Creator and guided by Thy holy inspirations.

Aid my to practice the heavenly virtues of humility, poverty and obedience, which are taught me in the earthly life of Jesus.

Descend upon me, O mighty Spirit, that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully fulfill the duties of my state in life, carry my daily cross with patience and courage, and accomplish the Father’s will for me more perfectly. Make me, day by day, more holy and give to me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give.

O Holy Spirit, thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant to me the intentions of this novena of prayer. May the Father’s will be done in me and through me. And mayest Thou, O mighty Spirit of the living God, be praised and glorified for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer List



Susan, Heidi, Sue, Nathan, Laura, Levine, Julia, Lynn, Benita, Leslie, William, Ernie, Ruth, Kristi, Charles, Preacher, John, Amy, Lamar, Wanda, Penny, Hope, Marsha, Maria, Stephanie, Wendy, Becky, Norah, Kevin, Elizabeth, Emma, Michael, Robin, Ronnie, Michi, Grace, Todd, Bryan, Jacquie, Lecia, Kathy, Diann, Donna, Tommy, Jonathan, Stephen, Kathie, Alex, Birkie, Phyllis, Nancy, Beth, Merry, Terry, Logan, Kyle (RIP)

Around the Parish

Holy Week & Easter Services

Christ has died, Christ has risen! St. Luke was blessed to be the only Anglican/Episcopal parish in Augusta for the second consecutive year to celebrate (in-person) Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection in our Holy Week and Easter services. And, as we did last year when our COVID-related circumstances necessitated that it, we continued to broadcast most of our major services to all who still cannot attend church at the present time. Both local and international viewership has remained very strong, especially over Easter Weekend when over 500 people watched the Saturday night and Sunday morning services!

Of particular note, everyone attending was grateful to be able to observe "the *maundy*" (Christ's foot-washing of the Apostles) on Maundy Thursday and to walk the "Way of the Cross" on Good Friday to the parish's new Stations of the Cross. The new *Tenebrae* on Spy Wednesday, a sung solemn prayer office of psalms and lessons (similar to a traditional Anglican Evensong) was received very well, and everyone who came enjoyed a lovely wine and cheese social afterwards in the parish hall.

Fr. Trout would like to thank the many people who worked hard behind the scenes and faithfully assisted at the recent Passiontide and Eastertide services, especially our Sacred Music Director Mr. Lance Davis for helping to plan and perform all of the liturgies, especially in his fantastic organ-playing and singing. Moreover, thanks is due to Mr. Joe McRoy (especially for his technical assistance) and all the servers for carefully learning and laboring through each liturgy. Likewise, to Mrs. Anita Trout and every member of the Altar Guild for working long hours to have the church beautifully prepared for each service, for assisting throughout most, and for cleaning, cleaning, and more cleaning. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who donated again this year toward the altar flowers and lilies for Easter. The church looked as suitable and stunning as it ever has, to the glory of God and in memory of our loved ones and faithful departed. *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Stations of the Cross, New & Old: A Tribute to Fr. Frank Martin

Every Lent and Passiontide, St. Luke observes the Stations of the Cross, a medieval Benedictine devotion that imitates the "Way of the Cross" walked by pilgrims visiting the Holy Land. Since 1996, the Fourteen Stations of the "Via Dolorosa" in our parish have been marked by the carved crosses made by Fr. Frank Martin after his parish of Holy Cross merged with St. Luke. However, since his passing last December, his widow Frances with Fr. Trout and the vestry, decided that, with the memorial funds donated in his honor, a new set of Stations be installed at St. Luke, similar to those that adorned his old church downtown. All involved were delighted to receive and install the new Stations during Holy Week, just in time to be used on Good Friday.



The old set of Stations, now in storage, will be used to create a new outdoor "Way of the Cross" in the church's backyard for use next year. St. Luke prays that both sets of Stations will serve as a fitting memory for Fr. Martin, a priest who sacrificed and suffered much in his vocation for the Church's great High Priest.

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Diocese of the South Synod Report

On Thursday, April 29, the delegates of the ACC Diocese of the South met at St. Stephen's Anglican Cathedral in Athens, GA, for the Annual Synod. Fr. Trout and St. Luke's other four delegates, along with those from other parishes who could not attend personally, participated virtually through ZOOM.

This year's gathering was much more abbreviated due to the omission of parish reports and fellowship times, but all diocesan business was accomplished. Both the House of Laity and the Senate of Clergy were able to meet to vote on officers and make synod resolutions.

Of particular note (and of interest to St. Luke), Mr. Lance Davis was recognized by the Archbishop as a potential aspirant to holy orders, Father and Anita Trout were confirmed as Provincial Synod delegates in September, and Fr. Trout was also elected to serve a two year term on the Diocesan Council of Advice.

Father would like thank Joe McRoy, Roberta Hannibal, Lance Davis, and Anita for serving as delegates this year. He hopes that St. Luke's delegate team will be allowed to attend in person next year if the situation is more favorable.

Announcement: New 9:00 am Sunday Holy Communion

Beginning this Sunday, May 2, St. Luke is pleased to begin offering a new 9:00 a.m. Said Holy Communion service from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Father Trout hopes that this new Sunday liturgy will better serve those seeking a shorter and simpler Eucharist, as well as offer flexibility for all who may need to occasionally participate in an earlier holy mass.

Once this starts, the Sung Matins will move to 10:30 a.m., followed by the Sung Missal Mass at 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum, which will reconvene in June, will likely be moved to Sunday afternoon, following an early Evensong with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay tuned for details!

Announcement: Ascension & Pentecost Services

Ascension Eve, May 12 @ 6:30 PM: Evensong

Ascension Day, May 13 @ 11:30 AM: Low Mass @ 6:30 PM: Sung Mass

Vigil of Pentecost, May 22 @ 10:00 AM: Pentecost Even Low Mass

Whitsunday, May 23 @ 9:00 AM: Low Mass @ 11:00 AM: Sung Mass

Whitsun Monday, May 24 @ 11:30 AM: Low Mass

Whitsun Tuesday, May 25 @ 8:30 AM: Low Mass & Breakfast

Announcement: Summer Jazz Series

Many will remember the music concert hosted by St. Luke back in November, featuring Niki Haris with Kigg Cherry's jazz band. Thanks to increased interest, they have requested that our church host a five-month summer concert series called "Jazz Vespers" on the second Sunday of each month, beginning May 9.

This first concert is "Preston & Weston" featuring the local jazz artist Wycliffe Gordon and his band. They are an outstanding group, who often showcase their talents at the Edgar's on Broad restaurant in downtown Augusta. This concert will be FREE, and I hope that some members of our parish will come to enjoy and to support the start of this new concert series at our church!

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Announcement: SKCM Meeting & Breakfast

The next SKCM Meeting on May 22nd should be part of a stellar morning! At 10:00 a.m., instead of the regular Sung Mattings (Morning Prayer), the Vigil of Pentecost will be observed with a special liturgy of prophecies, blessings, and a mass—all quite reminiscent of the Easter Even Vigil.

Afterwards, breakfast and the SKCM Meeting will follow in the parish hall. Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, normally scheduled for 11:30 a.m., will likely not begin until 12:00 Noon.

Artist's Corner

"Memorial Day" by Jim Coombs

Bravery calls, but not to every man,
To face the thrusts and snares of raging war.
Though fear resides in every heart,
Noble hope retaining yet the strong
That in their giving, to others hope
Be given. And so it was and so to be
In this our comedy, our tragedy and fault:
The world will need its heroes
To save it in its dimming hours...
And we, from our own intoxicating powers.

To the great hall, the Pantheon of honored dead,
We turn today and hail the countless names
There wrought in gold and signal red.
"Though the din of crackling guns and cannons
Boom about you, and thousands more be slain,
Rest easy, O ye sons of troubled earth,
And invincible shield now guards you,
Your cause was just, remember not your pain!"

Out of the dust arising, the treachery and gall,
Their spirits march before us to solemnly declaim,
"Heed the call to victory, be fellow warriors all,
Bowing never to impiety, lest it lead to greater shame."
Into the deep abyss man and his thoughts will fall,
Not so the sons of honor who live their worthy call!



*Vestry Minutes***March Vestry Meeting Minutes**

On Sunday, March 14th at 12:30 PM, the vestry met in the parish library. The meeting was facilitated by Fr. Trout and Joseph McRoy (Senior Warden). In attendance were Barbara Zmijewski (Junior Warden), Rebecca Blair. (Treasurer), Lucy Whitehorne., and Barbara Cope. In observance were Sue Rule and Lance Davis. Absent was Roberta Hannibal (Secretary), and Father agreed to take the meeting minutes in her place.

After opening with a prayer by Fr. Trout, the February meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

In the Financial Report, Rebecca clarified the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss; she also explained the special accounts; Sue asked for clarification about funding for the Music Minister's salary, which Rebecca explained comes from designated donations. Overall, the church was in the red \$1600 dollars in February, which was made up from Savings. After discussion about looking into a new insurance company to save money on the parish's annual policy, the report was moved to accept by Joe M., seconded by Lucy W.

In his Rector's Report, Fr. Trout reviewed the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday, and Stations of the Cross, remarking that, although participation was down compared to last year, overall numbers remain up since COVID began; He also reiterated the need to postpone the Lenten Retreat to Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers due to virus-based limitations. He explained the national recognition that St. Luke's intention to install a chapter of Society of King Charles the Martyr (SKCM) is getting and its importance for ecumenism and evangelism; he also thanked the benefactors who recently donated the following liturgical items: a purple cope & stole set, new altar candlesticks and vases, new white candelabra for special events.

Finally, Father looked forward to Naomi Williams' Funeral & Interment on March 27, and Archbishop Haverland's Episcopal Visit on March 28, which would include the confirmation of two and the reception of five new parishioners; He also previewed the Holy Week & Easter liturgies and announced that he would be leaved for vacation on the afternoon of Easter Tuesday.

In her Junior Warden Report, Barbara Zmijewski provided several maintenance reports including the need to hire a plumber to fix the toilet in the Parish Hall. She also recounted the accomplishments of the recent parish workday, and her ongoing efforts to continue relandscaping around the church buildings.

In Old Business, Joe and Father explained that a used Husqvarna riding lawn mower had been purchased, and Barbara Z. clarified that for \$800, it was \$300 below the budgeted amount. John had used it already and it ran/cut well. Father announced that Ink Boy had found a refurbished 3-in-1 HP printer for the parish office for only \$300 (at least a \$250 savings over a new model). He would pick it up on Tuesday.

Father and Joe reminded everyone that Carl Nechtman had donated \$300 for Wyze wi-fi security cameras at the church which would be ordered later in the week. The new model is sold out, but Joe believes that the previous model will be sufficient for the parish's needs. Father also reminded everyone that background checks needed to be completed before the next vestry meeting (Father, Lance, Joe, Rebecca, Barbara C., Sue)

In New Business, Father explained that the Palm Sunday Reception for the Archbishop and New Parishioners on 3/28 would be covered by donations but inquired if Special Events funds were available for the Wine/Cheese Social after the Tenebrae on 3/31. Since the fund is in the negative, everyone agreed that collected coffee hour donations would be used to get the fund back into the black.

Father reminded everyone of Sam Nechtman's suggestion last year that a Naomi Williams Memorial Fund be set up in her honor from funds donated at her funeral. The Memorials Committee would decide next month what to do with any monies collected.

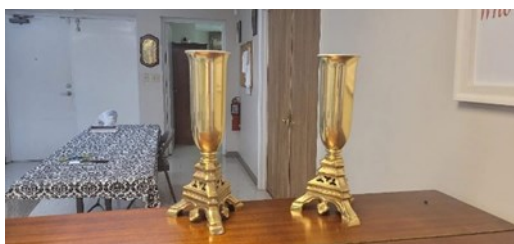
Father reported that \$870 had been donated to St. Luke in Fr. Martin's memory and that he, Frances (widow), and the Memorials Committee had agreed that the money be used to purchase a new Stations of the Cross similar to what Fr. Martin had used at Holy Cross. Father said that he found a set for \$1350. Rebecca Blair moved that the balance for the Stations be paid from undesignated memorial funds, which Barbara Z. seconded.

Barbara Z. and Father agreed that another workday would be needed during Holy Week for the Building and Grounds Committee and the Altar Guild to make final preparations for Triduum and Easter.

Father recommended that the next Vestry Meeting be rescheduled for April 18, since he would be away for vacation on April 11. All agreed. With no other new business, Father Trout adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Altar Guild Corner

A big thank you to our Altar Guild for your outstanding work during Holy Week. The sanctuary was so beautiful and appreciated by all who participated. Another thanks goes out for the recent donations of the Versailles Flower vases that match the altar crucifix, processional cross, and candlesticks. They are such a beautiful addition to our altar. There are several other items on the wish list needed to continue to upgrade our sanctuary and altar, if you are interested in donating an item to the church, please see any Altar Guild member, or Fr. Trout and we would be glad to share the wish list with you. Again, thank you to our Altar Guild for your dedication to enhancing our liturgy and services, you are a blessing to St. Luke.



Respectfully and sincerely,
your Altar Guild Directress
Anita Trout



Flower Guild



Thank you to all who donated for the Easter flowers. The church and Altar of Repose were indeed illuminated and a beautiful space for devotion. Looking forward the next few months there are plenty of openings on Sundays for flower donations. Please make sure to sign up for an upcoming Sunday or feel free to contact Fr. Trout or myself and let us know if you would like to be added to the list. There are also sign-up sheets in the parish hall.

Respectfully and sincerely, Anita Trout



Parish Recipes

Kay's Kale Salad by Betty Perry



Dressing:

2 Tablespoons lemon juice
1/3 c. Apple cider vinegar
1/2 c. olive oil
2 Tablespoons maple syrup
salt & pepper

Other ingredients:

Zest of 1 lemon
Craisins
Shelled, roasted, salted pistachios
1 bag chopped kale
Grated Parmesan cheese (grate your own)

Directions: Add lemon zest + dressing to chopped kale on the morning of serving. Stir well several times

Shrimp Gravy from "Full Moon, High Tide" cookbook Submitted by Betty Perry

1/2	pound bacon, cut into 2-inch squares	2-3	tablespoons all-purpose flour
1	large yellow onion, chopped	2	pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
1	bell pepper, chopped		Salt and pepper

- Cook bacon until crisp in large heavy skillet over medium heat. Remove and set aside.
- Add onion and bell pepper to bacon drippings in skillet and saute until tender. Remove and set aside.
- Brown Flour in bacon drippings, adding just enough water to make a thick gravy.
- Reduce heat and add bacon, onion, bell pepper and shrimp. Season with salt and pepper.
- Serve over grits.

Grits

2	cups water	Salt to taste
2	cups milk	Butter (optional)
3	beef bouillon cubes	Fresh Parmesan or shredded Cheddar cheese (optional)
1	cup quick grits	
	Dash of garlic powder	

- Bring water, milk and bouillon to a near boil in heavy saucepan. Add grits, salt and garlic powder.
- Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 to 15 minutes.
- Add butter or cheese if desired.
- Yield: 6 servings.