

Episcopal Education – St Luke & All Saints, Union



On June 18, the Warden, members of the Vestry and of the congregation from St. Luke and All Saints in Union will join us for worship and our parish picnic. To prepare for that event, here is some information on the history of that blended congregation as taken from their web page.

St. Luke's, Union

St. Luke's Union was formed as a chapel of St. Luke's, Roselle. The first service was held in 1873 in a one-room schoolhouse built on the existing property in the 1830's. Over the years several adjacent properties were purchased and the Rectory was built. In 1951 the old Church building was demolished and the

present church was built. St. Luke's is believed to be the second oldest congregation in Union.

All Saints', Elizabeth

All Saints' Elizabeth was built in 1929 as a parish hall, it served as the church throughout its history. The building was sold when the parishes merged. Many of St. Luke's stained glass windows come from All Saints.

St. Luke and All Saints

St. Luke and All Saints' was formed in 1977 by the merger of the two parishes. The money from the sale of All Saints' allowed the building of the parish hall on the St. Luke property. This provided a beautiful facility, well suited to serve our community. The current Congregation is proud of its' rich double history and seeks to use its' strength in our current ministry. The membership of the congregation comes from across the Northern and Central parts of New Jersey. Some come from the Philippine community and they found a church in Union who support their cultural identity. Some came from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newark when that church was closed. Their Priest, Fr. James Kollin, has served the community for over 25 years as their supply priest. Fr. James works as a chaplain for the Seaman's Church Institute, serving seamen who come to Port Newark and New York through pastoral care, training, advocacy, and thought leadership. When our Vestry visited St. Luke and All Saints, they discovered a congregation who love to sing (the congregation sings in parts), who provide a full coffee hour, and who welcomed our members who joined them.

Ministries at St. Luke and All Saints

Philippine Cultural Group, Furniture Assist, AA Group, Seaman's Church Institute.

Birthdays: Carl Gincley – June 18 & Raymond Green – June 27

FOR PASTORAL CONCERNS PLEASE CALL:

The Rev. Peter De Franco – 973-886-5104

Warden: Howard Whitmore – 908-577-6569 Warden: Marcel Vaughn Handy – 908 875-9462

Fr. Peter takes a day off on Friday.

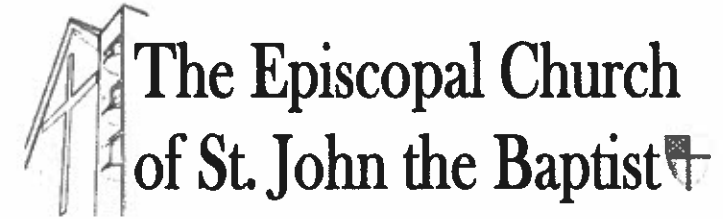
Sanctuary Lamp/Flowers: Please contact Parish Office at least two weeks before desired date.

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**This Week -
June 11, 2023
LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study explores The Gospel According to Matthew

The Bible Study Group will explore the Gospel According to Matthew. We shall use The Gospel According to Matthew: Volume 1 (New Collegeville Bible Commentary by Barbara E. Reid OP which sell for \$7.95 on Amazon. Do not buy her other commentary which is \$14.95.

Sunday Church Celebrations during June

June 11 LGBTQ Pride Sunday Holy Eucharist

June 18 Junteenth Holy Eucharist, Parish Picnic, Visit of Guests from St. Luke & All Saints, Union

June 24 The Ordination & Consecration of The Rev. Dr. Sally French as the 13th Bishop of New Jersey

June 25 The Patronal Feast of St. John the Baptist Holy Eucharist

Sunday Announcements to End

Since Fr. Peter will be on vacation during the month of July, we shall discontinue the Sunday Announcements. We shall post brief announcements on a redesigned Sunday Bulletin.

New Organists at St. John the Baptist

Over the next weeks, we shall try out different persons who are applying for the position of organist at our church. This Sunday, Ida Sanchez Tello will serve as organist.

James Splond Concludes Service as Choir Director

James Splond will conclude his service as Choir Director on June 25, 2023. We thank James for his creative work with the choir and for expanding the music we hear for anthems. We are grateful for the talented musicians whom James has invited to join our choir and enhanced the musical experience of the congregation.

Search for a New Rector

Bishop Elect Sally French and the Rev. Canon Joanne Izzo met with the Wardens and Vestry for an initial consultation concerning the call of a New Rector. The Wardens will keep the parish informed on the steps in the process of calling the next priest to serve the church.

Search for Persons to Help the Church

Manage the Church's Web Page and Facebook Page, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes
Sunday Collection Counter
Finance/ Stewardship Committee

Vestry Meeting – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7: 30 PM

Calendar

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9-12
Call to confirm 908 925-1535

June 11

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
LGBTQ Pride Sunday
10 AM Holy Eucharist
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

June 15

7 PM Bible Study
Zoom

June 18

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Juneteenth Celebration & Picnic
Welcome St. Luke & All Saints
10 AM Holy Eucharist
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

June 22

7 PM Bible Study
Zoom

June 25

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
10 AM Holy Eucharist
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

June 29

7 PM Bible Study
Zoom

July 2

5th Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM Morning Prayer &
Holy Communion
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

July 16

6th Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM Holy Eucharist
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

July 23

7th Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM Morning Prayer &
Holy Communion
In Person, Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

JUNE 11, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus calls us to follow him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus
Monday	Hosea 5:15–6:6	A call to repentance
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God’s promise realized by faith
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 5:28-33	Moses, the mediator of God’s will
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	Request for prayer
Friday	Ephesians 5:1-20	Let love be your guide
Saturday	Psalms 50:7-15	What pleases God
Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us faith and courage to follow you and to touch the lives of those around us with your grace, mercy, and healing power through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

With this gift of food we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the one who gives us hope now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith to trust in the one who blesses us with grace. (Romans 4:16)



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JUNE 11, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Here I Am, Lord



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you have been a leader? a follower?
- Jesus calls us to follow. What has this meant to you in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

It is interesting that in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus never scolds people identified as “sinners and tax collectors.” His harsh words and judgments are made against those who think they know God yet don’t understand that God desires mercy, not the prideful acts of religious people. Jesus shows his mercy to Matthew, the tax collector, to a grieving father, and to a sick woman. Jesus calls Matthew and others to follow him, yet in these stories Jesus is the one who ends up following others, one into a home for dinner and another into a home to bring back life from death. Jesus heals a woman who did not ask for his help but simply touched his robe for healing. He is willing to follow the woman’s desperate need and calls it faith. Jesus is willing and available to the needs of others. Jesus’ ministry finds itself in the midst of life and death issues where “playing it by the book” is not the guide, but rather where mercy, kindness, healing, and hope are required in a world filled with chaos, confusion, and despair.

Discuss: Where might Jesus be calling you to follow in his name and go to a place you didn’t plan to go?

Pray: Merciful God, give us faith to follow you each day and to trust in your care for us and for all that you create through Christ Jesus, the Great Healer. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you follow Jesus and be available to care for someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Some have a cross or a fish symbol tattoo somewhere in a visible place on their body. Think or talk about a time you or someone you know was recognized as a follower of Jesus. Then write a list of ways you can show you are a follower. Is there something like a cross or biblical scene placed in a visible location in your home? Is it something you wear? Is it something through your actions or words?

Pray: Dear Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow. May we do so with love and mercy toward others in our daily lives. Amen.



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