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NEWSLETTER

Easter - April, 2006



What's happening at St. Luke's Church

St. Luke's Church prepares for its second Neighborhood Sunday May 7th, 2006

A Message from The Rev. Susan Lee



"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast" (Psalm 139:9-10.)

The poetry of the 139th psalm, from our Daily Devotions this Lent, reminds us of God's omnipresence. No matter where we go, God is there.

From the tiniest atom to the depths of space, God's presence abides. There are two sides to this pervasive divine presence. One side is comfort: We can count on God to be with us no matter what, God is always there to help us. The other side is accountability: God sees us wherever we are. We cannot escape God's attention. Even the darkness, the psalm says, is not dark to God: "darkness and light to you are both alike." Our actions are constantly before God. It isn't as though God's intention is

judgment or punishment, however. God is there to lead us in the "way that is everlasting." When we pray, we call to mind God's presence and place our lives before God, for solace and for compassionate scrutiny.

Mardi Gras at Church of the Ascension



This month I went to a Mardi Gras at Church of the Ascension. Six churches around the area attended. It was a lot of fun and entertaining. We sang karaoke. Some people came with masks. There was an assortment of delicious meals. Jordan was crowned Mardi Gras king. He was very happy to become king. Overall, it was a fun night and I enjoyed spending time with the other church members.

Mary Soeur

In Memory of
ANNA V. THELEN
March 22, 2006

Our New Pew Cushions are given to the Glory of God by

Arthur Benjamin Sr. and the Benjamin family
in memory of Mary Benjamin

Constance Black
in memory of the Black family

Edna and Pete Borges

Ralph Friar and Carol Friar
in memory of Dorothy Spencer Friar

James H. Hornsby
in memory of Gerry Lawton
and the Rev. Dr. Lance Almeida

Jeanne Davis Lee
and Susan Hagood Lee
in memory of Richard Dozier Lee

Karen Lynn Paradise
and Deborah Ellen Baker
in memory of Warren Leslie Baker
and Margaret Frances Baker

Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation

I want to thank you and the Christians of St. Luke's Episcopal Church very much for your interest in assisting an orphaned girl student in Uganda through BMCFoundation. BMCF is assisting over 520 orphaned children with scholarships. Most of these children have no regular long term sponsors. It is very difficult for me to raise adequate funds to pay school fees for students. Your expressed desire to help is definitely an answer to prayer. The school fees for a secondary school student is \$200-250 per student per year, depending on the school. This amount takes care of tuition fees. I am also attaching a photo of the student by the name of Rita Biira with her story. We do recommend that you Church adopt Rita for long term sponsorship. As a Parish you may

also consider sponsoring more than one student. If you want to send letters or small gifts to your sponsored student, you can write to her via BMCF contact information indicated below. I invite you to visit our website at www.bmcf.org.



Rita Biira

Bob and Judy Baldwin
Black Stone Farm

178 Hicks Lane, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. USA.

e-mail: blackstonefarm@mindspring.com

Best regards, May God bless you

Yours in His Service . . . Bishop Zebedee K. Masereka

Tree Planting – Green Again and Other Stuff . . .



by Rev. Jim Hornsby

This year the Tree Planters coalition plans to plant 30 trees at Durfee High School, on May 13 mostly outside the Nagle Auditorium. How about a

St. Luke's crew? How about it, all you Durfee folks? We have experienced people from last year at Pulaski Park and let us do it again. Talk to me or just show up. Bring marked shovel and rake if you have one. 8:30 a.m. planting demo and then planting.



There also will be a learning day for tree stewards – how to plant and care for trees.

All day at BCC Building L, Room 108 on April 29. Call Mary Ann Wordell 508-679-8887 for more info.



And . . . we need donations of five gallon drums/barrels/containers, with covers or caps. These are the best size for watering. Got any kicking around that you can give away for another use? Last year's Pulaski Park trees will need watering.

And . . . we are trying to form a St. Luke's Committee for Environmental Affairs. (We probably need a better name.) This will deal with energy conservation and the audit, plus items like the Quequechan River Festival (scheduled for June 25 beginning at 11:00), tree planting, bluebird nest and the like. Some controversial items such as LNG and additions to Maplewood Park. See me or Lee Berard.

Thursday, July 14th, 2005 St. Luke's Church hosts the Organ Historical Society Concert -



The concert was part of a New England tour that the Society had organized. St. Luke's organ is one of the few organs left in the country of its kind. Its' music was enjoyed

at two concerts by hundreds of organ enthusiasts.

Ernie Baptista

Congratulations Are In Order!



Congratulations to our *Organist, Craig Oliveira* who received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music from the *University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth* on January 31, 2006.

Sheila Charron, our *Pastoral Associate* has completed her Master of Divinity Degree program from *Andover Newton Theological School* and she will officially graduate on May 20th.

Also, congratulations to our youth who will be graduating from high school this spring. It is an exciting time for them. They will be going off to colleges this fall. **Sarah Benjamin** has been accepted at 3 colleges and hasn't decided on one as yet. **Justin Cambra** will be going to *Universal Technical Institute* and majoring in Automotive Technology. Justin also has been been asked by Mercedes Benz to go to work for them upon graduation with his degree. They said he can have a position anywhere in the U.S. **Michael Gosselin** is still waiting to hear if he was accepted to *Massachusetts Institute of Art for Media and Audio Technology*. If not he plans on going to BCC until he is accepted at MA Institute of Art. **Mary Soeur** who currently works and attends BCC was accepted to *Sacred Heart University* for this fall majoring in Computer Science. They all have a bright future ahead of them.

Jen Mathias

Christmas Memorial Flowers 2005

Rev. Lance Almeida • Franklin & Barbara Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Baker • Janice Berard
Gilbert Black • Family of Sarah & William Black
Evan Chun • Ted Dean • Helena DeLuca
Ted & Eleanor Dugdale • Phyllis Dyson
Alton Ferris • Ferris Family • Friar Family
Mary Furtak • Marge & F'redie Gomes
Father of Lee Ha • Roy W. Holt
Walther & Ethel Holt • Robert & Thelma Hornsby
The Rev. Beverly B. Karsden • Emily Manica
Abigail Lynn Mathias • Vorn Meas
Mr. & Mrs. Mercier • Michaels Family
E. Avis Michaels • Henry Michaels
John Michaels, Sr. • Alexandrina Moniz
Antonio Moniz • Antonio Botelho Moniz
Beatrice Moniz • John Moniz, Sr.
Amelia Nash • The Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Gertrude Parr • Mr. & Mrs. Plant
Annie Priestner • Elizabeth Raible
Arthur & Bertha Ranger
Gladys & Steadman Rice
Anne & John Rigney • Spencer Family
August, Catherine, John, Julius, & William Tefts
Mary & Rudy Tomes • Mary Westell

. . . Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



Class on the History, Beliefs and Practices of the Episcopal Church



was taught by The Reverend Dr. Susan Lee last summer.

The classes took place in the Noah's Ark room on three consecutive Sunday mornings after the coffee hour. There were ten parishioners that took the class. We were supplied with an outline of the various topics that were explained and discussed.

We all came away from these classes with a better understanding of the Episcopal doctrine. For myself and the other attendees, we thank Rev. Lee very much for her efforts and the material she prepared for us.

Ernie Baptista



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The Light of the World

Our new Christmas pageant was a success. The kids loved doing it. They all learned their lines and practiced every Sunday. They took pride in their work and it showed on Pageant Sunday. They were adorable. The Kings were played by

Chandavy Heng, Amanda Racquer, and Mory Thach. Mary and Joseph were Angela Has and Matt Raible. The girls also sang for us with voices like angels. Then our Shepherd's were Mike Nguyen, CJ Soares, Vatthanak Doeung, and Jordan Nim. Our Angles were Vatthana Doeung, Skylar Hakmerle, and Elizabeth Soares.

Playing adult Jesus was *Mike Gosslin*, and baby Jesus was *Samantha Mathias*. We are very proud of the job they all did.

*The Light of the world is Jesus,
Savior - Lord to you and me,
He only asks we let Him in,
That He might set us free.*

Beth Soares



The following articles were submitted by – Sam Holt

Fundraiser for Rita

As most members of St. Luke's are aware, St. Luke's Church has adopted an AIDS orphan from Africa. Her name is Rita. By doing so we are committed to paying her school expenses and school fees. On Sunday, April 23rd, the Sunday following Easter, the Sunday school will be holding a brunch after the service (approximately 11:00 am) with all proceeds going to Rita. I will be coordinating the brunch and Chet Charron has graciously offered his assistance and expertise in the kitchen. We are suggesting a \$5.00 donation for adults and \$2.50 for children. As part of my membership in YLA, I was asked to do a project that would benefit my church. I felt this fundraiser would benefit our congregation by having our Sunday school work together for a very worthy cause.

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Mission Trip to El Salvador

The most significant project for the YLA this year will be a mission trip in August. The Episcopal Diocese has committed to a 10-year project in El Salvador of building

communities including houses, schools and churches. This will be the second year for this project. My group will help with building homes and clearing land for agriculture. There is a great demand for homes in El Salvador. My parents and I attended a presentation on the mission trip on March 3rd in Medfield. In addition to discussing the mission itself, we discussed safety, travel, and fund raising for the trip. Each YLA member is asked to raise \$1,650 to fund the trip. I have raised about half this amount and would be eager to hear of any fund raising ideas anyone has. Of course, donations would be gladly accepted.

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Diocesan Youth Council

I feel privileged to have been named the youth delegate to the Mt. Hope/Buzzard's Bay Deanery. The responsibility of the youth delegate is to attend the deanery meetings; at which we discuss the churches concerns within our area with the other council members. Additionally, we represent our deanery at the Diocesan convention that is held each year in the fall. After serving as an alternate delegate last year, I am excited to be named the delegate this year, and look forward to serving as the youth delegate.

Barbara Harris Camp

I have applied to be a Counselor in Training at the Barbara C. Harris Camp this year. This camp has been a great experience for me. I attended the camp for the last 3 years as a camper, and look forward to becoming a counselor there. Camp is an incredibly great place for youth in the Episcopal Church. As a camper, I grew great amounts in my faith while having loads of fun. There are daily activities (sports, water activities, music, nature, and rope courses), morning and night services, a short bible study, and daily events, such as campfires and the talent show and believe it or not the food is great. Camp scholarships are available to help with the cost of the Camp. If anyone is unsure of whether or not they would like to attend, I say, try it. I was very unsure the first year I attended, and thought I would be bored. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I made a lot of great friends.



Sam Holt

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