



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

WEEKLY INSPIRE

January 11, 2018



Welcome to The Second Sunday after The Epiphany
Sunday, January 14th, 2018
9am Holy Eucharist Service with Church School
Healing Service for January
Please come and celebrate with us!

Readings for next week (1/14/2018) The Second Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading is from 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel is from John 1:43-51



SHARING INFORMATION

The Bishop's Epiphany Message:

Epiphany

Blessings as we engage this incredible privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus!

Dear saints,

I hope you and your loved ones have had a restful and joyful Christmastide and a smooth entry into blustery 2018. The Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Jan 1) is quickly followed by the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan 6)! Both are equally significant in that they encapsulate the Why—because Jesus saves us from ourselves—and the What—and that is why we invite, not convert, others to follow the Jesus Way or join the Jesus Movement. The star of our life, as the familiar song reminds us, is Jesus who calls us:

to relationship with God, each other and all creation,
to do our part as stewards of all the resources entrusted to us, and
to lead and follow in the Jesus Way.

To follow Jesus is not possible without some degree of commitment and intention because tensions exist between us and them, church and state, chaotic community and beloved community. Let me share a few of my intentions for your consideration on the Feast of the Epiphany at the beginning of the year.

Here are ten specific ways I strive to follow Jesus:

Strive to be joyful. Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song (Psalm 100), is an invitation for every believer to choose and embrace joy in

Christ as a way of life. A step in this direction is to see the face of Jesus in someone else and cherish the goodness in them.

Strive to be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle. Our personal struggles may seem insurmountable at any given moment, and it is very possible to justify our own sense of self-pity that leads to self-loathing that often leads to being indifferent, oblivious or cynical of others and sometimes everything. I have often thought that there are those who see life as a glass half full, those who see it as half empty and then, there are those who go “What glass?” It is possible to let bitterness dissipate our deepest sense of joy and wonder. You can break that trend today and step by step get out of the place you have allowed to be created. A place called oblivion or nothingness, where nothing exists. This moment is all we are guaranteed. Let’s make it count creatively.

Strive to be curious. The Magi, kings or Wise Men were. That is what started them on their journey following the star, discerning a path to the Palace, recalculating their path to the stable in Bethlehem and then disobeying a king by returning to their place or places of origin by another path. Curiosity, to me, does not mean distraction to the next bright object, but rather a sense of steadiness in creatively pursuing goodness with clarity.

Strive to be courageous. Mary was, Joseph was, and the Shepherds were. In an age of normalized rage and hatred in so many quarters of our common life it is easy to succumb to the temptation to be consumed by rage. The Christian invitation is for us to be people of courage who question authority when power is really abused and sexual and other kinds of bullying is tolerated. In our context, the Dreamers and other vulnerable people need courageous supporters today. Let’s be courageous.

Strive to be forgiving. None of us are perfect and we are all better when we are more aware than merely right.

Strive to be still. I find stillness to be the locus of gratitude. So much of the world around us is reactive and often in unhelpful ways. Make room for silence as the regular space of invocation of that which is good, wise and just.

Strive to be easy on yourself. You are not the center of the universe and while each of us has to be an agent of positive change we don’t need to take ourselves too seriously. Laugh a lot and especially at yourself, it is a good antidote to fear.

Strive to be content with experiences, people or other things. All of life is quite remarkable. When we obsessively compare one experience with another to establish which was better we tend to make some parts of life more significant than others. I like to think that all of life is meaningful; the good times, the mundane times and the bad times. When we compare and grade experiences as better or worse than, we tend to limit the nuances of life’s opportunities and lessons; inadvertently reinforcing dualistic ways of knowing as pure and impure. I have learned much from the rough times and have practiced trusting more from the easy times of life; all of life transforms us. We do not classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves—2 Corinthians 10: 12, and Godliness with contentment is great gain—1 Timothy 6:6.

Strive to empower others to be their best self.

Strive to be humble. We are a work in progress.

I pray that God’s presence will manifest itself in wondrous and transforming ways as you strive to be the best you can be this New Year. You know enough for now, you are enough forever, and love is all you need.

With affection,



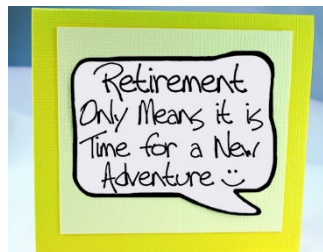
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Price G. Singh, VIII Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

Stewardship Information

As we prepare our 2018 budget it would be helpful to have current figures to work with. If you have not returned your 2018 giving/pledge please consider doing so soon. There are extra forms in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall. To those who have returned your commitment, thank you.

As faithful stewards we commit to St. Luke's mission to:

**Worship God Joyfully,
Love One Another,
and Serve in the Name of Christ.**



Annual Meeting and Krista's Retirement

NEXT Sunday, January 21st

Holy Eucharist service at 9am with Annual Meeting

WANT ADS

- Refreshments after Sunday service are needed for dates in February and March 2018. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
 - Altar flowers are still needed for 2018. Check sign-up sheet in Parish Hall for available dates.
 - Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf is in need of **all kinds of soup, especially the chunky varieties, large cans of tomatoes, any kind of pasta and pasta sauce** in January. They are also in need of empty egg cartons.
 - **Clothing Center, especially needs sweaters and men's coats, sized small and medium.** Please continue to bring in your clothes.
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Message from Krista+

For communication reasons, I would like to make sure you have my contact information.

My cell phone is 585-943-0323. Will you please add to your cell phones?

My e-mail is revkrista1@frontiernet.net. Will you please add to your computer/cell?

This would be in case of an emergency and you need to reach me away from church.

I can be reached 24/7 by cell phone or as soon as I can hear it or reach it!

I can also be reached by e-mail. I check many times during the day and usually shut down by 9:00 pm.

***IF YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, YOU NEED TO CALL ME TO LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY KNOWS HOW TO CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE UNABLE. WITH PRIVACY LAWS (HIPAA), EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ST. LUKE'S BROCKPORT ON YOUR ADMISSION FORM; THEY WILL NOT SAY WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL!**



The Vestry and Finance information is available in the Parish Hall on the clipboard.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund are welcome year round. For months with a "5th" Sunday, the loose plate offering is designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used solely by the Rector to support people, either parishioners or members of the community, who are struggling financially and in need of assistance, usually on a limited and often one-time basis. Please consider making a contribution to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in the form of cash or check (payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church with a note "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line). Blue and envelopes are available and can be placed in the collection plate. Please write your name on the envelope so the contribution can be recorded by our Pledge Secretary. **Thank you!**

Check out Josh's Thank you note for his "Care package" on the hallway bulletin board! If you would like to send Josh your well wishes, his address at seminary is:

**Mr. Joshua Patrick Barrett
Virginia Theological Seminary 208
3737 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22304**



St. Luke's Seminarian, Sharon Herring's schedule for this semester:

Monday Night – class at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School (CRCDS)

Tuesday – Class from 8:30am – 1pm

Wednesday – at St. Luke's from 11:30am – 8pm

Thursday – Class from 1-3pm

Friday and Saturday – working

Sunday – at St. Luke's from 8:30am – 12:30pm

Please keep in your Prayers

The church: You open the doors of your **church** especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop; Krista, our priest; St. Paul's Church, Rochester; Anti-Racism Committee and Task Force; John Andrews, Sandy Arrington and Kelly Ayer, priests; Lucy Alonzo, deacon; The Anglican Church of Australia and The Most Revd. Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia. We pray for our Vestry and Christian Unity.

Our ministries: We pray for our **ministries**; Amnesty International; Brockport Ecumenical Outreach Committee; Clothing Center; Brockport Food Shelf; Harvest Kitchen; Lifetime Assistance and Luke's Layettes.

Our communities both near and far: Texas, California, Las Vegas, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Florida, North Korea, South Korea, Italy, Turkey, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, South Sudan, and all places affected by violence, poverty, hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, droughts and fires.

We also pray for all cities dealing with anxiety, fear and confusion. We pray for President Donald Trump and members of the Cabinet, for Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and for all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

We also pray for our village community especially our Village Board and Mayor, and our Sweden Town Leaders.

Our sick or in need of prayers: Fred Bach, Jean Dubicki, Betty and George Dunn, Dave Earle, Dane Emens, Marian Ewanyk, Joan Forth, Tom Hruby, Sister Jacqueline, Ann Jasmine, Marquis, Bridget Martin, Sister Mary, Lee Oxendine, Rachel and friend Alyssa, Amanda Robinson, Barbara Sabatini, Shirley Seever, Virginia Shaw, Ina Smith, Nona Spitzner, Mollie Steele, Henry Strader, John Valentini, Nellie Vyrodova, Beverly Walker, Alea Wratten and for those suffering from mental illness and addictions.

Thanksgivings: for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary, especially Christopher Hunter (1/20).

We also offer **prayers of support** for our seminarians Joshua Barrett (VTS) and Sharon Herring (CRCDS) and Kristy Mundaniohl beginning her Army career.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 11th

6-7pm Food Shelf Board Meeting in Parish Hall

Friday, January 12th

4pm Rehearsal for the Pak Wedding

Saturday, January 13th

9-10am Building & Grounds and More Meeting

2pm Pak Wedding

Sunday, January 14th – Second Sunday after The Epiphany

9am HE Service with Church School

Healing Service for January

2-3:30pm Harvest Kitchen

Monday, January 15th

Parish Office will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 16th

All Annual Reports are due to the Parish Office

Wednesday, January 17th

7pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 21st – Third Sunday after The Epiphany – Annual Meeting & Krista's Last Sunday before Retirement

9am HE Service and Church School with Annual Meeting

Brunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the service with recognitions and celebrations

Wednesday, January 24th

7pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 28th - Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

9am HE Service with Church School

Supply Priest, The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross

Readings for next week (1/21/2018) The Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading is from Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel is from Mark 1:14-20

St. Luke's Mission Statement

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Serve in the Name of Christ

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