



## Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher – Father Michael Delaney\*

Intercessor – The Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto, FCC, Deacon

Crucifer – Jean Tessier

Building Opener & Acolyte – Anne Harte Su

Second Chalice Bearer – Jean Tessier

Lector – Stephen Banci

Organist – Philip LoPinto

Saint Luke's Choir

Usher – Br. Bill Paine, FCC & Ann Espenschiedf

Bellringer – Ann Espenschied

Oblation Bearers – Curtis Frank & Eve Sundberg

Church School – Emily Taylor & Daniella Rizza

Nursery Care – Susan Civita

Altar Guild – Zee Dempster

## Activities Today

10:15am: Church School [orange classroom under the nave]

11:30am: Fellowship Hour with a Three Kings Day cake [parish hall]



## *Saint Luke's Church (Episcopal)*

The Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

January 7, 2024 10:30AM

\***The Reverend Canon Michael F. Delaney** is the Chaplain to Bishop Provenzano and the Canon for Liturgical & Sacramental Life (Diocesan Canon Precentor) in the Diocese of Long Island. He helps prepare parishes for Episcopal Visitations, Diocesan Liturgies, and consulting around liturgy and music questions. One of his loves is guiding those preparing for membership in the Episcopal Church through Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Reception. Previously Michael served as the Vicar of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, the Interim Dean of Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey, Rector of the Church of Saint Andrew, Staten Island, NY, and Director of Pastoral Care at Christ Episcopal Hospital in Jersey City, NJ. When he's not hanging out on the Cathedral Close or traveling around our diverse diocese, Michael can be found cooking, playing piano, or just relaxing with good friends.



## Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Deus, iudicium*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## The Collect

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

## Old Testament

### Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has arisen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## The New Testament

### Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **Intercessions**

Healing: Peter Amankonah, Graham Bobby,  
Ali & Gary Carldon, Danielle Dexter, Luke Dinan,  
Donna Dornbush-Filanovsky, Joyce Egginton,  
Barbara Glick, Cynthia Goodwin, Dolly Guinther,  
Gert Hounsell, Dennis Ingenito, Robert Louis,  
Vicky Lowery, Frank Nyberg, Loretta Orentas,  
Brian Percival, Veronica Petrone, Kimberly Ribold,  
Suzanne Rolle, Yahra Roman, Suzanne Schick, LeRoy  
Shepherd, Isabelle Smith, Dora Kuvaroglu Soropoulos,  
Lamont Springfield, Nona & Stephen Thompson,  
Jane Thornton, Shirley Vickers, Joyce Walkwitz

Birthdays: Michele Kasper, Lily Li



The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Anne Grugan  
by Olivia and Niall Grugan.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in thanksgiving for  
the birthday of Constance Berry-Rowley by  
Margaret Rowley and Jennifer Hudson-Phillips.

## Church Calendar Week of January 7<sup>th</sup>

### MONDAY JANUARY 15

The office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

#### 2023 Outreach Grant Totals

Last year, the Outreach Committee chose LIFE Camp, Inc. as its 2023 Grant recipient. During the year they put out a jar during Fellowship Hour, collected donations through Lenten Mite boxes and held bake sales – and, with your help, we raised a total of \$2501 for LIFE Camp’s mission to aid at-risk youth and families!

#### Annual Meeting (January 21<sup>st</sup>)

Following the service on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding our Annual Meeting in the church. This meeting is open to all parishioners and guests and allows us to recap and celebrate what we did over the last year as well as discuss our plans for 2024. During the meeting, we will also hold elections for the vestry (our governing board). The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates to the current Vestry:

Diane Santana – Warden	Jeanine McPartlin - Vestry
Jyri Laatikainen - Vestry	Isabelle Smith - Vestry
Robert Lin – Vestry	Jonathan Wallin - Vestry

A potluck lunch will be served in the parish hall after the meeting.

#### Church Parking Permits for 2024

Laminated permits are being prepared now and will be available on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Annual Meeting. All parishioners interested in a pass should email Ann Espenschied ([ann.kink@earthlink.net](mailto:ann.kink@earthlink.net)).

#### Coming in February: Our New Priest-in-Charge!

We welcome Father Bo Reynolds as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Luke’s Church beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>, with his first Sunday service on the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (February 4<sup>th</sup>).



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The Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto, FCC, Deacon  
Lauren Butler, Parish Administrator  
Joe Dinas, Sexton

#### The Wardens and Vestry of Saint Luke's

Suzanne Schick, *Warden (2023)*  
Anne Harte Su, *Warden (2025)*  
[wardens@stlukesforesthills.org](mailto:wardens@stlukesforesthills.org)

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Jennifer Hudson-Phillips	Louise Foisy	Paul Dinas
Liz Reynolds	(vacancy)	Jane Kettlewell
Jonathan Wallin (vacancy)		Christopher Nyberg

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm  
718-268-6021     [office@stlukesforesthills.org](mailto:office@stlukesforesthills.org)

#### Sunday Worship Hours:

10:30am [church/Zoom]  
Meeting ID: 897 4444 1960 Passcode: STLWORSHIP

Church school: 10:15am on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Sept-June  
Nursery care is available for children under 4

#### In Case of Pastoral Emergency:

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