



Saint Luke's Parish

Welcome to our Visitors

Welcome to Saint Luke's! We are a community that welcomes everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey, to hear God's word, to be fed at God's table, and to experience the love of community, so that you will be strengthened to serve God in the world.

Our Vision Statement

Grow personally in faith, acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;

Build an accepting and transforming community, extending God's unconditional welcome to all;

Work alongside our neighbors, forming partnerships to serve the world.

The Forum, Sundays in the AYCC and Zoom

We are now offering the Forum in person in the AYCC and on Zoom, so you can choose to attend in person or online. Check the Sunday morning email for the Zoom Link or use meeting code 826 4279 5674.

Race, Film, and Reconciliation with Greg Garrett

Sunday, November 1st

For 100 years, Hollywood movies have shaped our perception of ourselves and of others, spreading positive and negative mythologies about race and difference. Join cultural critic and theologian Greg Garrett for a Sunday morning conversation about how film can lead us into a more authentic engagement with the American past and offer hope for the future.

Greg Garrett is the author of four acclaimed novels, two books of memoir, and twenty nonfiction works on faith, politics, race, culture, and narrative, and is, according to BBC Radio, one of America's essential voices on religion and culture. An award-winning Professor of English at Baylor University, Greg also serves as Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris, and is an elected member of the Texas Institute of Letters. He lives in Austin with his wife Jeanie and their family. His most recent book is [A Long, Long Way: Hollywood's Unfinished Journey from Racism to Reconciliation](#) (Oxford).

Be Ye Not Afraid: What does the Bible teach about living in uncertain times? With the Rev. Yejide Peters

Sunday, November 8th

It almost goes without saying that 2020 has been a year filled with uncertainty and anxiety. The Bible reminds us that this is nothing new for God's people. The Rev. Yejide Peters will lead us in an exploration of what wisdom Scripture might offer about how to live in uncertain times with faith, hope, and love. A native New Yorker, the Rev. Yejide Peters is now Vicar of St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's Churches in Shrewsbury, England. Before moving across the Atlantic, she served as the Rector of All Saints' Church in Briarcliff Manor, New York, from 2011-2019. A leading preacher and teacher in the Episcopal Church, Yejide has also served parishes in Virginia and Connecticut.

Racial Healing in a Pandemic

November, 5th at 7:00 PM webinar sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation:

The President and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) invite you to an evening of learning and reflection in conversation with Dr Catherine Meeks, Founding Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing on November 5, 2020 at 7pm EST. Dr Meeks will be sharing on the theme of racial healing, the deep systemic changes ahead of us to overcome our current oppressive systems and our journey towards building a new world where justice prevails. She will also address the impact of the multiple pandemics we are living through - COVID-19 of course, but also racial unrest and an economic upheaval with long-term repercussions.

Catherine Meeks, PhD, is the Founding Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, as well as the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Socio-cultural Studies and Sociology from Wesleyan College. Email Maggie.Domont@saintlukesdarien.org for registration information or check the weekly email.

Holding onto Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness

Sunday, November 1st | 4:00 PM | Online

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry leads a service of prayer to shine as a beacon of hope for the nation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, racial reckoning and a hard-fought election. In the midst of these issues this live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope and a call to love God and neighbor.

Watch this service at cathedral.org

Stewardship

During the offering today we will bless pledge cards

Thank you to everyone who has already mailed in your pledge cards or made your pledge online! We are growing as a community of faith by prioritizing a contribution to God in our family budgets.

Send in your pledge cards today if you haven't yet and consider increasing your pledge from past years. Overall pledges are up 24%

You should have received your pledge card in the mail, but if you need one please pick one up in the Narthex. Or you can pledge online at saintlukesdarien.org/give

Remembrance Sunday, November 8th

On Remembrance Sunday we will remember in our prayers all the faithful departed. If you would like to include the names of loved ones or friends who have died, please list them on one of the Remembrance cards in the Narthex or email the names to info@saintlukesdarien.org. Please put the Remembrance card in either the offering box or bring it to the Parish office. Thank you.

Designing Your Best Life in the Midst of a Pandemic!

Wednesday evenings 8:00-9:00 PM

Nov 4, 11, 18 and Dec 2, 9, 16, ZOOM

Have you recently graduated from college? Are you a twenty-something looking to start, pivot or change your career? Do you want more structure and balance in your life? Or, perhaps you're just exhausted from school, work or Covid-19 and crave normalcy! You're not alone!

You're invited to join Saint Luke's members Laura Wilcock, ICF Certified Professional Life Coach, and Anne Foster, LCSW, as they help you define your edge during these challenging times.

Even in this universal detour, we can bloom where we currently are! We can choose to move forward and build a well-designed life. Throughout these six sessions, we'll explore what a balanced life looks like for you, identify your values, create your daily dashboard and set SMART Goals. We'll also discuss the power of prayer! Let's finish 2020 strong and get ready to embrace 2021!

Call or email to sign up and get registration information:

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lauralawrencewilcock@gmail.com 203-655-0800

Anne Foster www.annefoster.org

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“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:7)



Outreach Opportunities

Community Supper: This popular ministry of food and fellowship we be using the take-out only model from the spring, dinners will be ready 5-6 PM in the lower parking lot. \$1.00 donations suggested, one dinner per person. Volunteer opportunities abound for those looking to get involved. Contact Fran Principe mfprincipe@yahoo.com

Laundry Love: The first Wednesday of every month (11/4, 12/2; two hour shifts available, 1:00 PM-7:00 PM), help those in need get their laundry done! Contact Fred Elliot elliottfc07@gmail.com.

Person to Person: Person-to-Person needs persons! Volunteer persons, specifically working at Saint Luke's, in the Food Pantry, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 11:30-1:30. Parishioners only! Contact Wendy Moore at moorewendy@me.com

Prayer for our Country

As we prepare for the upcoming election please hear our prayers and thanksgivings for this country. We offer up this Prayer from page 820 in our Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth Drive Thru Food & Coat Drive

Saturday, November 7th, |10:00 AM-2:00 PM at P2P

Please wear your mask, leave donations in your trunk, and volunteers will unload when you arrive!

Drive Thru Food Drive Most Needed Items:

- * Winter Coats
- * Jelly
- * Cereal
- * Oatmeal
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Canned Tuna/Chicken

Please consider donating your food items in a reusable grocery bag. These bags are reused by the families we serve.

Your contribution helps feed over 5,000 neighbors in need. Thank you

Weekday Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday, 8:15-8:45 AM | Livestream

Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM check out our simple, 20-minute service of Psalms, Bible readings, and prayers; it is the perfect way to begin each day centered in prayerful attention to God. Root and ground yourself in God's Word as a source of strength and hope for each day. [Localive.tv/st_lukes_parish](https://www.localive.tv/st_lukes_parish)

All Saints' Day

Today is All Saints Sunday, the festival celebrating the rich diversity of those heroes of faith who have loved God and served the world. Over the past four years Saint Luke's has observed All Saints with our annual 5K "Run With the Saints." We are all disappointed not to host that event this year. Not only will we miss the fellowship and comradery at the race and picnic, but also for the good work we do raising money for our brothers and sisters in Cuba. Let this year be a pause in our annual race and we can look forward to supporting the diocese of Cuba as well as our sister parish, Santa Cruz del Norte, in the years to come.

6:30 Connection | Monthly Men's Ministry

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 AM | AYCC and Zoom

Gather together each month with a group of Saint Luke's men that act like a board of directors for your spiritual life. Open up in a safe and welcoming environment about what's really going on in your life, and join in a conversation about how God is speaking to each of us. The discussion is often opened with a topic by Rev. Ryan Fleenor, but follows the lead of the participants and what is on their hearts and minds. We gather the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 a.m., now on Zoom and in-person at the AYCC (until we can safely regather at the Sugar Bowl for breakfast). Contact Mark Campbell (mcampbell.darien@gmail.com) or Chuck Jackson (jackson5redsox@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

Compline

Thursdays, 8:00 PM | Livestream

During the early days of the pandemic, our Music Director, David Pulliam established the weekly practice of chanting Compline live from the Chancel of the church. It quickly became a favorite service of the week for many, offering prayers for the close of day and protection during the night. Since our worship space isn't large enough to safely accommodate the Choir on Sunday mornings, we are so grateful to be able to offer experience again at 8:00 PM using our entire, beautiful, candlelit nave on Thursday evenings. Please join us on [Facebook.com/saintlukesdarien](https://www.facebook.com/saintlukesdarien)

Wednesday Healing Service

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM | In Person in the Chapel

If you're feeling isolated or anxious and in need of a touch of the Holy, come on Wednesday mornings to the indoor healing service. As the weather has changed to fall we will be moving inside starting November 4th, into the Chapel. Please enter through the front circle. What could be better!? Try it; those who have, know that it's a wonderful way to ground your week in God.

Children's Ministries Announcements

Children's Ministries is looking for a group of upper elementary aged children to help make blankets that we use to welcome our newest and youngest members to our Parish at their baptisms. Please send a message to erika.caputo@saintlukesdarien.org if you are interested in attending an in-person blanket making event or pick-up the materials to make the blanket(s) at home. We will be making blankets during the 10:00 a.m. service on Remembrance Sunday, November 8. You can register your child to participate when you register to attend the service; by selecting that your child will attend Godly Play.