Run With the Saints Event Nov 3 at Pear Tree Beach Funds St Luke's Parish Activities in Cuba

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Viva Cubana! The community is invited to lace up this Sunday, Nov. 3 for the 4th annual Run with the Saints event.

— an announcement from St. Luke's Parish

Run with the Saints raises critical funds for Saint Luke's initiatives in Cuba.

The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 3 beginning at 11:30 a.m. It offers a choice of a 3-mile run, a 1-mile walk or a kids' run around Pear Tree Point Beach.

The family-favorite event also includes a post-walk/run lunch and activities. Those festivities are open to the

public and will be held at Saint Luke's Parish, 1864 Post Road, Darien.

Traffic Advisory

An announcement from Darien Police Department:

- The St. Luke's "Run With The Saints" 5K Road Race will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019 at 11:35 a.m. The road race, hosting approximately 200 racers, will start at St. Luke's Church. Impacted roads will be Rings End Road, Harbor Road, Pear Tree Point Road and Long Neck Point Road.
- Motorists and residents of the area are advised to expect short-term delays and detours along the race route. Darien Police personnel will be positioned along the route to facilitate the flow of traffic and the safety of the runners. The race should last about 45 minutes.

Event fees include adults ($40 in advance, $50 race day), kids between the ages of 11 and 15-years-old ($20 in advance, $25 race day), children under the age of 10 ($10 in advance, $10 race day), lunch only ($15 in advance, $15 race day) and registration is available online.

Event proceeds will send Cuban children to the National Episcopal Youth Camp next summer. Funds raised by the event also will help pay for critical repairs and improvements to the crumbling community center located at Santa Cruz del Norte, Saint Luke's Cuban partner parish.

St. Luke's has also funded and helped construct a water filtration system at the church that is now providing the first reliably fresh water to people of Santa Cruz del Norte.

Sponsorships

Run with the Saints offers two types of event sponsorships including a family sponsorship ($250) that provides two race tickets, four lunch tickets, and a recognition tile at the rebuilt Santa Cruz del Norte parish in Cuba.

The corporate sponsorship offers four levels of participation (Platinum - $1,000, Gold - $500, Silver - $250, Bronze - $150) and provides recognition on all race promotional materials and commemorative tiles at the rebuilt Santa Cruz del Norte parish in Cuba.

For more information regarding event sponsorships, contact Pam Vossler, the event chairman, at

ptdey@aol.com or 203.395.7343.

- Saint Luke's would like to thank the following 2019 Run with the Saints event sponsors for their support: First County Bank (lead sponsor) and Sails Bar & Grill (lead sponsor), Darien Plumbing & Heating, Flowers & Flowers, Jet Blue, Michael Joseph's, Monograms off Madison, Nielsen's Florist, North Star International Life & Leadership Coaching/Grief Recovery, Sanda's Cleaners, Ten Twenty Post, Verizon, Vineyard Vines and Williams & Company.

Saint Luke's Parish in Cuba

Saint Luke's is committed to helping the Episcopal Church in Cuba. A team of parishioners is working with a companion parish in Santa Cruz del Norte, Cuba, located just east of Havana. Saint Luke's sponsors both youth and adult trips to the island annually.

In August 2019 the Cuban youth trip included four Darien High School students — Emma Hunter ('20), Octavia Molkenthin ('20), Sofia Bender ('21) and Juliette Johnson ('22)) — some of whom have participated in the trip for the past two years.

Separately, other Saint Luke's parishioners have established an organization called Friends of the Episcopal Church of Cuba (FECC). This organization works to engage more parishes and communities around the country to support the Episcopal Church in Cuba. FECC was instrumental in helping to reunite the Cuban Church with the Episcopal Church of the United States.

For a glimpse into the 2019 Youth Trip to Cuba, view the video posted to St. Luke's Facebook page.