



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

November 2019

## *Celebrating the Ministry of A Deacon November 10, 2019*

Dear Friends,

By now, most of you know that The Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto has been assigned as Deacon with Saint Luke's Church by Bishop Provenzano. We will officially welcome Deacon Joe into the life of our parish during the November 10th 10:30am liturgy. Special prayers as well as the sermon being presented by Deacon Joe will highlight our morning together. Many of you know Joe from his years as a parishioner at Saint Luke's. Now, in his coming to Saint Luke's as Deacon Joe, there will be ways in which his presence and participation are markedly different because of his ministerial role. He will speak of this during his sermon on November 10. Of course, there will be numerous ways in which he is the "same old Joe" too— his humor and gifts to share.

The ministry of a deacon in our midst will also give us pause to consider the varieties of ministry in the parish—the ministry of the Bishop, that of the priest who is the bishop's delegate in the parish, and the ministry of all the baptized. As we seek ways to deepen and renew our life together as a parish community centered in Christ, this focus on ministries—ordained and baptized— will be quite helpful.

Even those of us who know Deacon Joe pretty well might not be aware of some aspects of his "bio," so here are some info pieces about The Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto. Joseph was born and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn; later his family moved to Middle Village, Queens. Joseph was raised a Roman Catholic and ordained a permanent Deacon for the Brooklyn Diocese on April 25, 1987. For the following 10 years he served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Williamsburg where he taught adult religious education, ministered to the poor, and counseled those in need. In 1997 Joseph began his

life as an Episcopalian at Saint Paul's in Whitestone, Queens; then moved on to Saint Paul's in Carroll Gardens. He finally discovered Saint Luke's, Forest Hills, where he increased his involvement in various ways— Eucharistic Minister, Outreach Committee, Vestry, a stint with the Gingerbread Players, involvement with the ImaginAuction, and also flipping pancakes for the Mardi Gras Party.

Subsequently, Joseph studied at the Mercer School of Theology and on December 5th, 2015 his Diaconal Holy Orders were received into The Episcopal Church by Bishop Lawrence C. Provenzano. Bishop Provenzano assigned Deacon Joe to Church of the Ascension, where his ministry included the parish outreach food ministry which grew into the North Brooklyn mobile food program with the "Angel Mobile" food truck.

Joseph's professional life included a long career in finance and advertising before his semi-retirement saw him become a manager with Trader Joe's to this day. In his ministry with Saint Luke's, Deacon Joe will focus primarily on Outreach with people in need beyond the parish walls, as well as Parish Care with parishioners who are home bound, hospitalized or in need of a listening ear.

We are overjoyed to have Deacon Joe with us. Let us celebrate together in welcoming him on November 10.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

**FALL BACK!**

**November 3, 2019**

***Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour  
the night of November 2.***

***Thanks to All Rummagers, Buyers and Sellers!***

Jennifer Hudson-Phillips and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone --those who headed departments, those who sorted, those who baked, those who came for set-up and clean-up, those who helped to sell, those who counted the receipts. We also extend special thanks to Bill Stokes for his lovely organ recital on the two afternoons of the sale, and to Joey Dinas for securing the bags for our Sunday afternoon \$10 bag sale.

We could not be happier with the level of participation from our Church family, with the stalwart "regulars" bolstered by the heartening presence of many new recruits. We look forward to working with you next year! Finally, as I step down from the co-chairmanship, I want to extend a personal thanks to my co-chair. With Jennifer as lead chair next year, the Rummage Sale couldn't be in better hands.

--Emily Taylor

**SAINT LUKE'S RUMMAGE SALE**

**October 12 & 13, 2019**

**Gross Income by Department**

Appliances	\$ 442.00
\$10 Bags (Sunday 3PM)	140.00
Books	974.16
Boutique Fashion	2,315.75
Children's Clothing	264.00
Outdoor	981.76
Jewelry	1,911.85
Women's Separates	654.04
Linens	327.25
Menswear	387.55
Odds and Ends	273.41
Snack Bar	1,477.85
White Elephant	1,242.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,391.82</b>

**STEWARDSHIP**

**2020 Parish Pledge Campaign**

This year's Annual Pledge Campaign begins on All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and concludes with the Stewardship Sunday, November 24 liturgy when everyone hands in their 2020 pledge cards during the Offertory. As in years past, if you cannot be present on Stewardship Sunday, your 2020 pledge

form can be forwarded to the parish office in advance.

Different from years past, this year's campaign will be comprised of two mailings—an initial letter designed to stimulate our thought, reflection and prayer; and a second letter which will include budget information and your 2020 pledge card. The first letter will be mailed to reach you by All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Stewardship Committee is also planning Sunday presentations on November 3, 10 and 17.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 3**

**8:30am HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10:30am FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST  
with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

***Wednesdays at Saint Luke's  
continues on November 6 and 13 at 7:30pm...***

***The Acts of the Apostles***

All are invited to join us as we learn what life was like in the early Church. What can those dynamic days teach us in our life together in Christ today?

***Refresher Sessions for Liturgy Servers***

**Acolytes – November 3:** All acolytes, including new acolytes yet to be trained, will gather following the 10:30am liturgy for a brush-up session as well as an “alb-check”—measurements for new acolytes’ robes as well as re-fittings for veteran acolytes.

**Eucharistic Ministers – November 10:** Following the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, all Eucharistic Ministers will meet, not only for a “brush-up” but to go over new aspects of the movement of the liturgy given the inclusion of the Deacon in our worship.



**Remembrance Sunday – November 10**

As is our parish custom, on the Sunday following Veterans' Day, we offer special prayers for those serving in the armed forces of the nation and for all those who work for peace. The choir offerings of the day also reflect this theme.

**Bakers Needed for  
Gingerbread Players' Production of  
G. B. Shaw's "Getting Married"  
November 9 & 10, 16 & 17**

The sale of gingerbread and other home-baked delicacies is a long-standing feature of intermissions at Gingerbread Players shows. You don't need to bake a wedding cake, but cookies, brownies, cupcakes and other delectable items are greatly appreciated. If you would like to bake or sell goodies at any or all of the shows (see performance times on "Getting Married" flyer, next page) please contact Louise Foisy [lmf325@aol.com](mailto:lmf325@aol.com).

**Diocesan Convention**

The Annual legislative gathering of the Diocese of Long Island takes place on Friday, November 15 and Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Our parish delegate to Convention is Suzanne Schick; our alternate delegate is Jean Tessier. Our delegation will report back to the November 20 Vestry Meeting and to the parish on Sunday, December 8.

**Meeting for Parents of Young Children**

On Sunday, November 17, Father Tom will meet with the parents of all young children (infants and toddlers) during Hospitality Hour. Tom would like to elicit from families ways in which we can be helping them with faith formation before they reach church school age. All interested people are welcome to attend also!

*"I was glad when they said unto me,  
'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"*



**Morning of Reflection**

**Saturday, November 23**

**9:30am – 11:30am**

Holy Eucharist

Continental Breakfast

Presentation & Discussion

on

*The Meaning of Participating  
in Worship*

All are invited. The program is developed especially for all those who serve at worship: Crucifers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Oblation Bearers, Bell Ringers, Choristers, Altar Guild Members.

*Prerequisite: Read Psalm 122*

**Registration Required by Sunday, November 17**



**KIDS' BAKING PROJECT**

**Saturday, November 23, 10AM to 12 noon**

Children age five and up are invited to come and bake. The baked goods the kids produce will be on sale at the **OUTREACH BAKE SALE** on **Sunday, November 24th**. (Donations of flour, sugar, butter and eggs are welcome! Just let Louise Guinther know what you're bringing so we don't over-buy.)

Children will also be making ornaments for our Jesse Tree Project. To sign your child up or for further information, contact Louise, 212-769-7082 or email [info@gingerbreadplayers.org](mailto:info@gingerbreadplayers.org).

# **The Gingerbread Players**

**of St. Luke's Church present**



## **Getting Married**

**A Comedy by  
George Bernard Shaw**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019 @ 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, November 10, 2019 @ 2:30 pm**

**Saturday, November 16, 2019 @ 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, November 17, 2019 @ 2:30 pm**

**Suggested Donation \$15.00**

**(\$12.00 for Groups of 6 or more)**

**Reservations: 718-268-7772**

**or [www.gingerbreadplayers.org](http://www.gingerbreadplayers.org)**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 85 Greenway South**

**Forest Hills, NY 11375**



THANKSGIVING SEASON

## ***OUTREACH BAKE SALE***

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**following the 8:30 and 10:30 liturgies**

We're looking for donations of enticing goodies for our annual Outreach Bake Sale. The proceeds from the sale will be included in our Outreach Grant, so we need as much merchandise as we can get. If you plan to contribute, please see Joanna Friedman at coffee hour, or email her at [jbg23@verizon.net](mailto:jbg23@verizon.net).

Don't forget to include an ingredients list, a label saying what the item is, and your name (so your fans can give you credit!).

**All profits benefit our  
2019 OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENT  
QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE**

***SEE ORDER FORM FOR  
THANKSGIVING PIES  
(NEXT PAGE) AND PLACE YOUR  
ORDERS ASAP!***



***THANKSGIVING DAY AT SAINT LUKE'S***

***Thursday, November 28***

***The Holy Eucharist with Organ and Hymns is  
celebrated in the church at 10:00AM.***



***November Birthdays and Anniversaries***

- 3 Maria Barbanotti
- 3 Autumn Franqui
- 6 Thomas Biglin, Sr.
- 10 Jyri Laatikainen
- 10 Katherine and Wolfgang Kripfgans (A)
- 12 Jeremy Boiko
- 14 Maureen and Thomas Biglin, Sr. (A)
- 19 Thomas F. Reese and Earl Liao (A)
- 22 Carol Lane
- 25 Marianne Percival
- 25 Michael Karas
- 26 Jean Tessier
- 30 Janice Payne
- 30 Lisanne Ponce



## ***FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING***

***Sunday, November 24***

***8:30am Holy Eucharist***

***10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Choir and Organ***

### ***Confirmation Class for Saint Luke's Youth***

The second class of the series takes place on Sunday, November 24 at 12 noon. The over-arching theme of the sessions through winter: Being Born – Eating Well – Doing Good. (If adults wonder what this is all about, perhaps you will want to take the adult course which begins in February!)

### ***THE FOREST HILLS INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE***

***Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm***

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Our Lady of the Angelus Roman Catholic Church, located at 63-63 98th Street, Rego Park. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this community event which blends our various religious traditions as we meet in giving thanks to God for the bounteous gifts bestowed upon our nation. A reception follows.

### ***Looking Ahead to Advent...***

***Sunday, December 1*** – Holy Eucharist with Advent Lessons and Carols at 10:30am. Jesse Tree Project begins.

***Beginning Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm*** – Advent Vespers and Dessert

***Saturday, December 7*** – Parish Advent Retreat Day  
10am – 2pm

## St. Luke's Homemade Thanksgiving Pies



***Proceeds benefit Queens Community House!***

**Fresh-baked Apple, Pumpkin, Pecan or Mince pie,**

**Early Bird Price: \$17 each; orders after Nov. 10: \$20 each**

**(gluten-free and vegan options available)**

Baked fresh for pick-up at the church on **Wednesday, November 27, 1 to 4 p.m.**, or **Thursday, November 28**, following the Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's (10:45 to 11:30 a.m.). Order forms can be delivered (with your check) to St. Luke's office, 85 Greenway South, Forest Hills, or place order by phone (718-268-6021) or e-mail ([stlukesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stlukesoffice@verizon.net)).

**\*\*\*Order by Nov. 10 for early-bird price of \$17; late orders: \$20 (final deadline Nov. 17).\*\*\*  
Orders for pickup at church on Nov. 27 or 28: NO DELIVERY.**

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### Thanksgiving Pie Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (required): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred pickup day/time \_\_\_\_\_



#### My Order:

\_\_\_ Apple Pies (vegan); \_\_\_ Pumpkin Pies; \_\_\_ Gluten-Free Pumpkin Pies; \_\_\_ Mince Pies;

\_\_\_ Pecan Pies

**TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to St. Luke's Church with Thanksgiving Pie Sale on the memo line.

***100% of proceeds from the pie orders benefit Queens Community House***