



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

February 2020

## *How would you explain it?*

Dear Friends,

If you had to explain why you are a Christian and how life in the Episcopal Church supports you in your growth in faith, what would you say? And if you only had thirty minutes to share those thoughts, where would you begin?

I ask because our teens are presently preparing for Confirmation (May 16) when they will make their affirmation of faith, confirming the promises that were made for them when they were baptized. In roughly eight one hour Sunday classes, we are touching upon what is crucial to understanding and trying to live life with Christ in the center. Yes, I get 8 hours and am only giving you 30 minutes. But I think it's challenging for us both.

So, try a little exercise. Before reading any further here, consider the question already asked: If you had thirty minutes to share with someone what's most important about being a Christian and how life in the Episcopal Church helps you, what would you say? Jot it down. You needn't use complete sentences; just make an outline. And then feel free to share it with me. What you share could really help me in my remaining classes with our teen parishioners.

Faithfully yours,



## *Results of Vestry Election at Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, January 26, 2020*

The following candidates presented by the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected:

**Church Warden** (2-year term) Suzanne Schick

**Vestry Members** (3-year term): Thomas Biglin, Ann Espenschied, Louise Foisy, Emily Taylor

**Vestry Member** (2-year unexpired term): Gary Carldon

**Vestry Member** (1-year unexpired term): Michele Kasper

## *Vestry members currently serving whose term expires at the end of 2020:*

Elizabeth Reynolds

Jennifer Hudson-Phillips

Jonathan Wallin

Jean Tessier, Warden

## *Vestry members currently serving whose term expires at the end of 2021:*

Michael Papamihalis

Diane Santana

Debbie Smith



*A Message from Ed Geist's Sister*

Thank you for joining Edward Geist's family at Glascott Funeral Home. He was a wonderful brother to me and a very talented and modest man. It is so comforting to know how much he was appreciated by those whose lives he touched.

Sincerely,  
Grace Ozeck

QCH runs a wide variety of programs throughout Queens, ranging from preschools and employment programs for teens, to senior centers. Saint Luke's will continue to provide support for QCH by continuing to contribute food for families in crisis, and by our Jesse Tree Project each Advent. Visit their website, [qchnyc.org](http://qchnyc.org), to find volunteer opportunities.

**2020 Outreach Grant Recipient**

The recipient of our 2020 grant will be **Habitat for Humanity New York City**. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$2,500, which would enable us to send a team of up to 15 volunteers to a team build in Queens. A local donor will be matching all donations through 2020, so our impact will be doubled! Visit the Habitat New York website at [habitatnyc.org](http://habitatnyc.org) to learn more.

--Joanna Friedman

**CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION**



***Celebrating the Presentation  
of Jesus at the Temple***  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**8:30am: Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30am: Choral Eucharist with Hymns**



**2019 Outreach Grant  
To Queens Community House  
Tops \$2,000!**

The Outreach Committee is pleased to report that, having elected to merge the Outreach Grant with our traditional Lenten Project and make Queens Community House the recipient of both, we raised over \$2,000 to support their programs. The grant is funded by a donation jar, the Mardi Gras pancake supper, bake sales in Lent and fall, the Thanksgiving pie sale, and the holly sale.



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

***A joyful service of sung prayer***  
**Sunday, February 23 at 4:00pm**

Music of Britten, Ayleward, Ireland,  
Rheinberger, and J.S. Bach  
**William J. Stokes, Organist  
and Choir Director**

Free-will offering benefits Saint Luke's  
Sacred Music Program  
**All are invited to a reception in the parish  
hall following the liturgy.**

## SHROVE TUESDAY



**FEBRUARY 25, 2020, 6:30 TO 8:30PM**

**Pancake Supper and Fund-Raiser  
for Saint Luke's  
2020 Outreach Grant Recipient  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Pancakes, sausage and bacon, coffee,  
tea, milk and juice  
\$5 for kids under 12, \$10 for adults

**Games! Prizes! Mask-making!  
Fun for all ages!**

Please call the church office 718-268-6021  
to make reservations.

## Ash Wednesday



**February 26  
Holy Eucharist  
with imposition of ashes  
7:30am, 10:00am, 7:30pm**

## Coming in Lent:

### Wednesdays at Saint Luke's

The First Day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 26. The Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes will take place at 7:30am (a shorter "commuter" service), 10:00am and 7:30pm.

On the following five Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 4, we will have our customary 7:00pm Holy Eucharist followed by 7:30pm Simple Soup Supper and 8:10pm program. This year's program will be a study of The Gospel According to Saint John. If you haven't been a part of the Lenten Series in years past, consider coming this year.



### February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2     Laudrey Lamadieu
- 2     Addison Zacarius
- 3     Charlotte Dippel
- 4     Aino Jonah
- 8     Lyndon Jones
- 9     Lauren Foisy
- 10    Gennadi Boiko
- 15    Alodia Carldon
- 18    Mark Adams
- 20    Henry Tyrell
- 20    Angelica Rose Martinez
- 20    Brian Reynolds
- 22    Stephen Banci
- 23    Gregory and Lisa Cuchna (A)
- 25    Linda Martinez