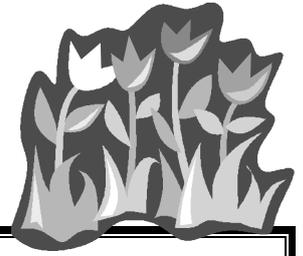


The Bellringer



May 2006

TO MAKE A RIGHT BEGINNING

Dear Friends,

The Easter Season, which explores the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, culminates with the Festival of Pentecost, this year celebrated on Sunday, June 4. The Pentecost celebration is all about the resurrection on life of the church, the new life of the Holy Spirit that animates us – counsels, advocates, guides and empowers all the baptized to be church: The Body of Christ.

As such, the church is called to be the Sacrament of the World. Everything that we believe about Jesus Christ in our own lives is what the church is commissioned to deliver to the world in proclaiming goodness to all the people. The Holy Spirit, powered by Christ, is what conforms us for this calling to shared faith in the world. And we at Saint Luke's are blessed that 15 parishioners will be confirmed (or received) in a liturgical celebration at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Saturday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m. Please keep them all in your daily prayers and also plan to be part of our larger parish witness and support by attending and participating in the cathedral service on June 10. People who need a ride, as well as drivers willing to offer transportation, are asked to sign the sheet in the church narthex or call the parish office.

Yours in Christ,

Tom

Parishioners who will be reaffirming their faith on Saturday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m.

**The Cathedral of the Incarnation
Diocese of Long Island, Garden City**

Velma Adams	Denise Presnick
Jackie Dinas	Matthew Santana
Lauren Foisy	Steven Schott
Louise Foisy	Steven Seligman
Barbara Glick	Arthur Tasker
Ananya Goswami	John Tasker
Terri O'Rourke	Jean Tessier
William Paine	

An Evening of Interfaith Community Study:

This inaugural event will be hosted at the Forest Hills Jewish Center (106-06 Queens Blvd, but enter on 69th Rd.) on Wednesday, May 10, at 8:00 p.m.

The panel will be Rev. Noel Vanek, The Church-in-the-Gardens; Rev. Thomas Reese, St. Luke's Church; and our host Rabbi Gerald Skolnik. The text for discussion, Genesis 22, presents the well-known dilemma facing Abraham: will he sacrifice his son Isaac, at God's inscrutable command? The presenters will examine this scripture from the perspectives of different faith traditions, and also offer their own insights. Q&A followed by a reception.

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**Saint Luke's Church 4th Annual
Imaginauction**

Saturday, May 13, 2006

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Wine Reception and Hors d'oeuvre with

Raffle and Silent Auction

Chef Banci Dinner

LIVE AUCTION

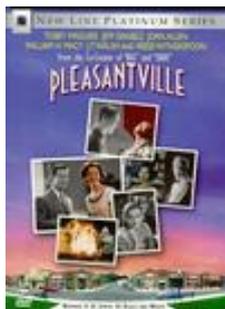
Tickets \$35

Have you put in your reservation yet? Contact the church office to see if there are any seats left.

FORWARD IN FAITH

MISSION AND MINISTRY

As part of our Pentecost celebration and in reflection upon our parish life and commitments, a special three-part sermon series will be offered on Sundays, May 28, June 4 and June 11. Using Saint Luke's Mission Statement as his framework, the Rector will engage the congregation in a consideration of our growth in faith, our expressions of ministry and the gospel challenges that are before us.



SCREENING MYSTERY

Join us in the parish hall on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of *Pleasantville*, the recent popular film starring Tobie McGuire, Reese Witherspoon, Bill Macy and Joan Allan. Annually, we have a film series event as a way to consider themes of spirituality that are conveyed on "the big screen". So, plan to view the film and on the 31st, take part in a follow-up discussion immediately following as we look for things human and divine in film.

SAINT LUKE'S BOOK CLUB

The Soul of Christianity by Huston Smith is our upcoming parish book club selection. Huston Smith is internationally known as a scholar of world religions and for his famous PBS television series with Bill Moyers. In *The Soul of Christianity*, Smith cuts through the contemporary conflicts that plague religion and society in order to describe Christianity's "Great Tradition" and why religious belief matters in today's world.

Saint Luke's Book Club will meet on two Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m., June 14 and 21, in parishioner homes (locations to be announced shortly).

If you would like Saint Luke's to order your copy of the book (\$23), please let the church office know by May 16th.



FESTIVAL YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all Saint Luke's kids age 8 and up! We are looking for young singers to take part in the spring installment of the youth choir, which will sing at the 10:30 service as part of our Church School graduation celebration on June 18.

Beginning on May 14, we will rehearse every Sunday in the lower parish hall from noon until 1:15 or so. There will be a pizza party following the second rehearsal, on May 21, and an ice cream sundae party after the final rehearsal on June 11.

If you have sung with the St. Luke's Festival Choir before or appeared in a Gingerbread Players musical, you do not need to audition. Newcomers can audition following coffee hour on May 7. If you haven't been part of the choir before, just ask the veterans how much fun we have!

Questions? Call or e-mail Louise Guinther, 212-769-7082; ltg@operanews.com.

AUDITIONS FOR THE UPCOMING GINGERBREAD PLAYERS PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for two upcoming productions of the Gingerbread Players will be this month.

As You Like It: Who's afraid of the Big Bad Bard? Not the Gingerbread Players! Come on out and play with us as we round up fifteen fearless fellows and five dauntless dames for the cast of *As You Like It*. Not "Sex and the City" but "Love and the Country," this is the most romantic of Shakespeare's comedies. Auditions in the parish hall, May 7, 2:30–5 p.m. (Performances will be November 11 (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.), 12 (2:30), 17 (7:30), 18 and 19 (2:30).

If you'd like to try out but can't come on that day, please call the director, Dolly Guinther, at 718-268-6292 to arrange a private hearing.

Amahl and the Night Visitors: Auditions for Gian Carlo Menotti's classic Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, to be performed on December 9 and 10, will be held on May 20 (10 a.m. to noon) and 21 (2 to 4 p.m.) in the Parish Hall at St. Luke's Church, 85 Greenway South, Forest Hills NY, 11375.

We are auditioning candidates for the parts of Amahl (boy preferred but girls are welcome, age 8 to 14, with a pure soprano voice); his Mother (mezzo); King Kaspar (tenor); King Melchior (baritone); King Balthazar (bass); the Page (tenor); and Dancers and Townspeople (chorus).

Please be prepared to sing an excerpt from *Amahl* or perform a short vocal piece or dance selection of your choice.

If you have any questions, please call Karole Lewis at 718-897-2104 or e-mail karole.lewis@verizon.net.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dear Rev. Reese and St. Luke's Parishioners:

Indeed, it was my privilege and pleasure to join your congregation on Sunday, February 19, 2006. You extended such warm hospitality to me, which was especially welcome on such a cold winter morning. I felt very much "at home."

It is very impressive to know that the Outreach Grant is the tithing gift from several annual St. Luke fundraising endeavors. It is for this reason that I feel each of the St. Luke's parishioners has been involved in offering this generous gift of \$4,200 to the New Horizons Adult Education Program. Your gift will help support our GED and computer programs.

I would like to return your hospitality by extending an invitation to arrange a tour of our program and our historical building. Please also remember there are possibilities for volunteering as a tutor and also as a New Horizons board member.

Yours In Christ,
Sister Jeraldine Fritz
Executive Director

(Please note: If any parishioners are interested in a tour, volunteer possibilities or serving on the New Horizons Board, please speak with our parish Outreach Committee Chairperson, Joanna Guinther, or with Barbara Gratz.)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

May 8	Rebecca Santana
May 10	Madeleine Hogan
May 10	Rebecca Baxter
May 10	Isaiah Williams
May 13	Anna Freinberger
May 26	Joanna Guinther
May 26	Louise Guinther
May 26	Alberta Haynes Carlson

(Your birthday or anniversary not mentioned? Not sure if we have your information? Please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!)



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine:
Chinese Bible Exhibit, *A Lamp to my Feet, A Light to My Path*, June 5 – 12 at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th St., New York, NY. For more information, please go to www.BibleExhibitNY.org.

Parkside Players: “Rumors” May 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, June 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m. and May 21 & 28 at 2:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Turnpike. Admission is \$12, Seniors tickets are \$10. For tickets and reservations call 718-497-4922 or reserve online at www.parksideplayers.com.

Monthly Senior Meal at Resurrection: All Seniors over 60 are invited to the free senior meals at Church of the Resurrection at Richmond Hill on the last Saturday of every month at 11:45 a.m. Meals are served in Cummings Hall, which can be accessed via the stairs next to the Bell Tower at 85-09 118th St. Please RSVP by May 24th for the May 27th meal by calling Resurrection’s office: 718-847-

2649. However, don’t hesitate to come or bring a friend. There is always extra room.

synonymUS: Scot and Stephanie Williams are involved in a group called synonymUS. Every 3rd Wednesday (May 17) at 6:45 pm there is a Poet’s Collaborative Open Mic - Music, Movement, Image, Narrative at The Nuyorican Poets Café, 236 East Third St (bet Aves. B & C), New York, NY 10009, F Train to 2nd Ave, \$7 Cover.

Clergy and Staff

The Reverend Thomas F. Reese, Rector
The Reverend William A. Doubleday, Priest Associate
Dr. Justin Bischof, Director of Music & Organist
Stephanie Williams, Parish Administrator
Omar Garcia, Sexton



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