

THE BELLRINGER

St. Luke's Church

May 2007

PARISH CENSUS

Dear Friends,

During the month of May, Saint Luke's Church will be conducting a census of our parish membership in order to update our church records. On page two of this issue of The Bellringer you will find a form that each household is asked to fill out and return to the church by May 20th. Please do your best with the submission deadline. Much of the data requested is for our compliance in organizing The Parish Register. Each parish of the Episcopal Church is required to maintain a membership register that records a variety of dates related to the sacraments of the church. In addition, as you will see, we are seeking other information that strengthens parish communications. So kindly fill out the form and return it to church by May 20th.

Thank you,

DIOCESAN ALLELUIA FUND

The Diocese of Long Island is comprised of 147 worshipping congregations. In these faith communities throughout all of Long Island, visions for various ministries are becoming realities. In witness and support of parish-based ministry initiatives, the Diocese has established the "Alleluia Fund." The Alleluia Fund will be a separate account, independent of the diocesan budget. All monies collected will be for assistance in funding new ministry initiatives in existing congregations.

Therefore, the Alleluia Fund is a way for the people of the diocese to support each other in ministry. The Alleluia Fund will be an annual diocesan-wide offering conducted every year during Eastertide. In this inaugural year, the collection will be gathered on May 20th. Beginning May 6, you will find Alleluia Fund envelopes in the pews, and on the 20th we will gather your contributions. Your gift will go a long way in supporting ministry throughout the diocese. Perhaps, our giving to the Alleluia Fund will also spark a new ministry at Saint Luke's—a project for which we could apply for assistance from our fellow Episcopalians through the fund.

EASTERTIDE BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday noon Bible Study, led by Lori Sbordone, began on April 22. Dates of future sessions are to be determined. Participants take a detailed look into the Gospel narratives of the post-resurrection stories. These stories are more than a string of happy meetings; in each case, the risen Christ appears to prepare the disciples to live into the new reality which His resurrection has brought to pass. What can we learn as 21st-century disciples about how to live in the new reality of the resurrection? By asking questions and looking within the text for answers, we attempt to grasp the enormity of the Paschal acclamation: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

SAINT LUKE'S 2007 PARISH CENSUS

Please provide information for each member of your household.

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SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Members of the parish gather monthly for Evening Prayer and a directed meditation with discussion on a topic that can help strengthen one's spiritual life. The next gathering is on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30pm in the chapel. We will consider the theme of Joy. All are welcome.

CHALICE ETIQUETTE

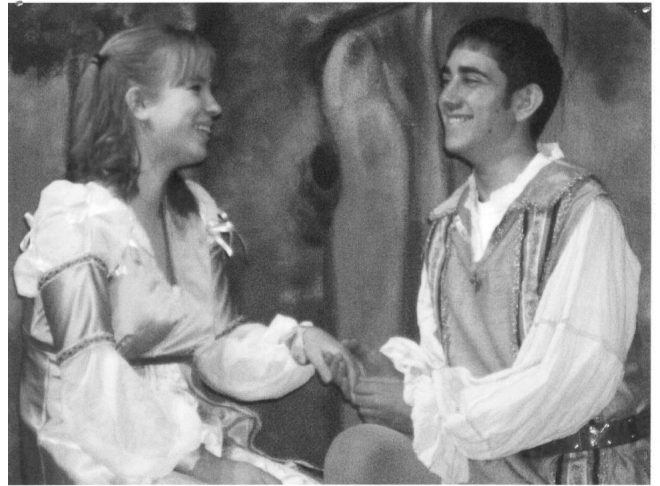
As a consideration to others, communicants are requested to blot lipstick or lip gloss before coming up to the altar rail. This thoughtful gesture would be much appreciated by the Eucharistic lay ministers (who will be serving the chalice to others), by the Altar Guild (who wash the linens) and by all those who will subsequently receive from the same chalice.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you know someone who is ill, home-bound, or celebrating some happy occasion, altar flowers are available. An altar guild member will assist you after the 10:30 service.

IMAGINAUCTION FAST APPROACHING!
Saturday, May 19, the date of St. Luke's 2007 Imaginauction, is right around the corner. This fun fundraiser begins at 6:30pm with a cocktail hour when guests can mingle and participate in a silent auction, bidding against each other for a variety of special items. There will also be a "bag raffle," giving everyone a chance to win a selection of smaller gifts. Pianist Dan Evans provides a vibrant musical background to the festivities.
At 7:30, as we take our seats for a gourmet dinner prepared by chefs Lori Sbordone and Stephen Banci, we'll be entertained by an interlude of Irish dancing presented by the Ryan Academy. Winners of the silent auction and bag raffles will be announced, and the Grand Prize raffle, a 37" Flat Panel LCD HDTV, will be drawn. Then the real action begins, as auctioneers Frank Fallon and David Friedman drive the live-auction items until they are going, going, GONE! Among this year's hot items are a one-week time-share stay in the Shenandoah Valley, box seats to the New York Mets, and the ever-popular Pie-of-the-Month Club. Tickets are just \$35.00 per person, and seating is limited, so RSVP to your invitation and send your check now if you haven't already done so. Hope to see you there!

— Jean Tessier and Joe Occhiuto,
Imaginauction co-chairs



Olivia Smith and Greg Szatkowski

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SEE THE GINGERBREAD PLAYERS' PRODUCTION OF "THE SLEEPING BEAUTY"

You can still catch this brand new musical on Friday May 4 at 7:30pm, Saturday May 5 at 2:30pm, and Sunday May 6 at 2:30pm. With a delightful score by acclaimed composer (and St. Luke's good friend) Bill Ryden and book and lyrics by our own Louise Guinther, not to mention stellar performances by Gingerbread stalwarts Andrew and Luke Dinan, Olivia Smith, Jim Chamberlain, and Barbara Glick among others, this is a show you definitely won't want to miss. Tickets will be on sale at the door, but to be sure you get a seat, better call the Gingerbread hotline, 718-268-7772, or visit our web site www.gingerbreadplayers.org and make a reservation – or two, or three, or more. (Tickets for groups of 6 and up are only \$8.00.)



Andrew Dinan, Jim Chamberlain and Tracy Howard

WELCOME BACK, FATHER DOUBLEDAY
 Saint Luke's Priest Associate, The Reverend
 William Doubleday, celebrated the Holy Eucharist
 at the 8:30 liturgy on Easter Sunday and will be with
 us again on May 20. Father Bill will preach and
 celebrate at both the 8:30 and 10:30am liturgies.
 Father Tom will be away at this time, finishing his
 semester's study of Religious Fundamentalism.

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PARISH COMMITTEES

To volunteer to serve on a parish committee or to
 find out more about what they do, please consult the
 St. Luke's Parish Directory for the phone numbers
 of the co-chairs.

Parish Committee Co-chairs:

Outreach: Joanna Guinther, Barbara Gratz
 Worship: Paul Dinas, Joyce Egginton
 Altar Guild: Ann Espenschied
 Evangelism/Growth: Gary Carldon
 Education: Louise Foisy, David Smith
 Inreach: Anne Harte Su, Carol Khare
 Stewardship: Louise Guinther, Joe Occhiuto
 Finance: Jonathan Wallin, Arthur Tasker
 Hospitality: Denise Presnick, Jean Tessier
 Buildings & Grounds: Jim Chamberlain,
 Brian Percival
 Publicity: Barbara Trippel, Jean Tessier
 Long-range Planning: Allan Smith
 Ministry Discernment: Joyce Egginton, Joe Occhiuto

Projects:

Ministry Partners/Space Use: Velma Adams, Lori
 Sbordone
 Centennial: Allan Smith
 Bellringer (newsletter): Jane Thornton
 Website: Gary Carldon, David Smith
 Special Events: Jane Thornton, Vestry Liaison
 Rummage Sale: Jeanine McPartlin
 Gingerbread Players: Andrew Dinan
 Imaginauction: Jean Tessier, Joe Occhiuto

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 8	Rebecca Santana
May 10	Madeleine Hogan
May 10	Rebecca Baxter
May 10	Isaiah Williams
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

I On May 10 and 24 from 1:00 to 3:00pm, the
 Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew
 Gardens Road, #202, will present the final two
 programs in John Kendrick's musical lecture series,
 "Show Biz Divas." May 10 will feature Gene Kelly,
 and May 24 The Wizard of Oz. Admission is by
 contribution at the door. For further information,
 call 718-268-5960.

I Wednesday, May 9 from 10:00 to 3:00pm the
 New York City Department for the Aging and The
 Aging in New York Fund, Inc. will sponsor "Age In
 Action 2007" at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
 For more information, call 311.

I The Parkside Players will present the rock
 musical Godspell at Grace Lutheran Church, Union
 Turnpike and 71st Road, Forest Hills, on May 19, 20,
 25, 26, 27 and June 1 and 2. For show times and
 ticket information, please call 718-497-4922 or visit
 their web site, www.parksideplayers.com.

St. Luke's Church Wardens,
Officers and Vestry

Wardens: Anne Harte Su, Jonathan Wallin

Treasurer: Arthur Tasker

Asst. Treasurer: Kim Su

Clerk: Jean Tessier

Vestry: Florence Amato, Brian Percival, Frances Sergi,
Allan Smith, Velma Adams, Gary CarIdon, Barbara
Gratz, Joe Occhiuto. Paul Dinas, David Smith, Jean
Tessier, Jane Thonrton

Clergy and Staff:

The Reverend Thomas F. Reese, Rector
The Reverend William A. Doubleday,
Priest Associate

William J. Stokes, Interim Organist
and Choir Director

Sally Friedman, Parish Administrator
Omar Garcia, Sexton

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