



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 2012

## *Gift/Giving*

Dear Friends,

A poignant finishing touch on our church's new front entryway will soon be affixed to the accessibility ramp. The plaque reads as follows:

*Entrance ramp dedicated  
in loving memory and with gratitude to  
MADELEINE HOGAN (1922-2008)  
who wanted everyone  
to be able to come to church*

The honest, caring sentiment expressed on the plaque nicely reflects what Maddie's intentions were at the time she gave the gift. Experiencing decreasing mobility in her own life, she wanted to make it possible for others with ambulatory challenges to still come to church. She knew her gift might not mean the construction of a walkway from which she, herself, could benefit, since she was already making plans to move from Forest Hills. So her gift was freely given for others—a model for the spirit of giving, which is as important as the gift itself.

Furthermore, when Maddie gave the gift to the church and asked the Vestry that it be dedicated to the construction of an accessibility entrance, she added one more humble note. She said that, if the Vestry determined there was a more pressing need for the parish than the ramp, she would gladly accept the Vestry's judgment on the matter. Of course, the wisdom in Maddie Hogan's intention for a ramp was obvious. We are thankful both for her gift—which will serve people well—and for her spirit of giving, which reminds us all how to give gifts in the name of Christ.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom".

## *Summer Celebrations:*

### *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

*Sunday, June 24* – Claire Patterson, daughter of Ellen and John Patterson, and Amelia St. Armand, daughter of Sonia and Gary St. Armand. We welcome Claire and Amelia into the household of God.

### *United in Holy Matrimony*

*Saturday, June 2* – Adriana Castaneda and Herman Gutierrez; *Sunday, July 22* – Elizabeth Feller and Bryan Cibroski. Please keep Adriana and Herman, Elizabeth and Bryan in your prayers.

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### *Our Year-Long Centennial Celebration*

*Begins on Sunday, October 21, 2012,*

### *Saint Luke's Day!*

Invitations for the liturgy and luncheon will be mailed to parishioners this week. Seating at the West Side Tennis Club is extremely limited, so we urge you to return the enclosed response card and your check confirming your reservation for the luncheon as soon as possible.

### *Centennial Fund Matching Gift*

Parishioners and friends are reminded that a Saint Luke's member has offered a matching gift challenge for all who have yet to submit a Centennial Fund pledge or gift, as well as for those who wish to make an additional contribution. With over \$135,000 already raised, your new giving, matched up to \$23,000, can bring us that much closer to our \$200,000 goal while growing our financial reserves for ministry in Saint Luke's second century.

### *Remembering Carol Khare*

This letter goes out to all the kind people who were concerned about Carol's illness, and who drove me to and from the hospital and rehab to see her. I want to thank you from the bottom of

my heart. Thanks also to Father Tom for the prayers and thoughtfulness he has given to the Khare and Brown families in their time of sorrow. You all came through for Carol and me. The support and love you gave us will never be forgotten as long as I live.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Khare

***Open Dates for Altar Flowers  
And Sanctuary Lamp***

*Altar flowers:* September 9 and 16, October 7

*Sanctuary lamp:* September 23, 30

If you would like to memorialize or pay honor to a friend or relative, please contact the church office (718-268-6021) to reserve a date.

Contribution for altar flowers is \$50, and \$10 for the sanctuary lamp.

**♪ *Singing Season Begins* ♪**

After a summer of well-deserved rest and recuperation, Saint Luke's choir gets back to work on Saturday, September 8 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at their annual Choir Workshop led by organist and choir director Bill Stokes. In addition to regular Sunday worship and festivals, the workshop will concentrate on preparing music for the Festal Choral Eucharist that begins our Centennial Celebration on October 21, and will be followed by dinner for the choir hosted by Father Tom.

***WELCOME BACK!***

***CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHOIR RESUME  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9***

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

***10:30am Holy Eucharist***

***with Choir and Organ***

***10:30am Church School for Children***

***10:30am Nursery Care for Infants  
and Toddlers***

***Church School Reopens  
After Summer Break***

Our Church School year begins Sunday, September 9 in the downstairs classroom at 10:30am. Classes are geared towards children from 5 to 12 years old, but preschool-age kids

who wish to participate are welcome, as are older children and teens. Returning teachers Louise Foisy, Barbara Gratz, Lori Sbordone, Emily Taylor, and our new teacher, Joan Golan, will lead the children in age-appropriate explorations of the scriptures through stories, games, crafts and music. No registration is required, and kids are welcome to join the class at any point in the year.

If you have any questions or need further details, please contact Education Committee co-chairs Emily Taylor ([erwtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:erwtaylor@gmail.com)) and Chris Dippel ([chris@dippel.us](mailto:chris@dippel.us)). We are looking forward to seeing our returning students and making new friends!

--Emily Taylor

***Centennial Projects Nearing Completion***

Sunday, September 9 is also expected to be the day when our new parish kitchen becomes available for use. In addition, the organ refurbishment is ahead of schedule, with some work still remaining. Likewise, as part of the outdoor landscaping project, new lamps are now in place on either side of the church doors. Acquiring a new outdoor notice board, however, is still in progress due to the limited number of fabricators doing such work.

***New York Opera Forum  
at Saint Luke's, September 9***

At 3:00pm, NYOF will present an operatic double bill in concert: Act III, Part I of Richard Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*, and *Bluebeard's Castle* by Bela Bartok. Suggested donation is \$12, \$10 for seniors and students. All are invited to attend the reception following the performance.

***In Memoriam – Esther Becker***

On Saturday, September 15 at 10:30am in the church, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in memory of Esther Becker. Esther was a long-time member of the parish who had moved to Rye, New York. In her many years at Saint Luke's, Esther was a junior choir mother, President of the Women's Guild, and a Vestry member. She was also active in various

community organizations.

Following the liturgy, Esther's family will greet friends at a reception in the parish hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Saint Luke's Capital/Endowment Fund.

### ***Outreach Committee Meets***

***Sunday, September 16 at 12 Noon***

All are welcome to attend. If you're interested in helping Saint Luke's reach out to the world beyond our parish, please join us. We will discuss current projects such as Notre Dame de l'Annonciation school in Haiti, Camp DeWolfe, and Saint Andrew's teen shelter in Astoria. We'll also begin making plans for the future, including possible recipients of our next Outreach Grant.

--Barbara Gratz

### ***RALLYING RUMMAGERS!***

***Rummage Collection Starts September 1***

The annual St. Luke's Rummage Sale, set this year for **Saturday, October 6, 10:00am to 4:00pm**, and **Sunday, October 7, noon to 4:00pm**, is one of our most vital fundraisers. It's a fun chance to bond with fellow parishioners and open our arms to the outside world. The Rummage Sale also provides an important community service, offering lightly used items at prices that can help families struggling with the economic downturn to balance their budgets. And at the end, it becomes a form of pure outreach when we donate the leftover treasures to a worthy charity.

### ***The More the Merrier***

The main ingredient for success is *lots of volunteers*. No matter where your strengths may lie, we have the perfect opening for you. The list of options below will give you a good idea of where you will best fit in to the Wonderful World of Rummage. To volunteer, all you have to do is call or email Suzanne (718-526-4635; [drsck@yaho.com](mailto:drsck@yaho.com)) or Louise (718-575-1767; [lmf325@aol.com](mailto:lmf325@aol.com)). You can also seek us out at coffee hour and let us know how you'd like to help.

-- Suzanne Schick and Louise Foisy  
Rummage Co-chairs

### ***HOW YOU CAN HELP***

***Collecting:*** Volunteers are needed to cover receiving hours at the church on *weekends between Sunday, September 2 and Saturday, September 29*. Saturday hours are 10:00am to noon; Sundays following the 10:30 service until 1:00pm. All you have to do is direct donors to place their contributions onstage, and give them a form to fill out for tax purposes. Due to lack of space, we cannot accept large furniture items.

***Spreading the Word:*** Flyers are available in the parish hall. Please take some with you and distribute them to your neighbors and friends.

### ***Set-Up/Clean-Up Crew:***

**On Set-Up Day, September 22 at 10:00am**, you can get a healthy workout hauling tables and clothing racks upstairs and distributing the accumulated rummage. **On Clean-Up Day, October 7, starting at 4:00pm**, you'll get another chance to tone those muscles when we pack away the leftover treasures to be donated to various charities.

***Sorting And Pricing:*** Daytime and evening sorting sessions are planned for the two weeks before the sale. (Hours will be posted.)

***Food Preparation and Sale:*** Jean Tessier needs help in the kitchen before and during the sale, as well as contributions of cookies, cakes, etc., to keep the shoppers well fed and eager to buy.

### ***Department Heads/Sales Staff:***

We need volunteers in all Rummage departments, including Ladies' Separates, Menswear, Bargain Dresses, Boutique Fashions, Children's Clothes, Jewelry, Appliances, Linens, Outerwear, Books, Snack Bar, and White Elephant.

### ***"This Parish Under God"***

How many people have a copy of the above-mentioned book? If you do, you know it is the history of our parish from 1913 through 1949-50, telling the foundation stories of Saint Luke's Church. On Sunday, September 23, photocopies of the book will be available for people who would like to learn about our early history. Then on Thursday, November 1, Saint Luke's Book Club will meet at 7:30pm after the All Saints Holy Eucharist to discuss *This Parish Under God*.

**Michaelmas -- Saturday, September 29**

All are invited to our annual Holy Eucharist and (order-in) supper to celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. We will gather in the church at **5:30pm**. Worshippers are encouraged to bring fresh flowers, reflecting the English tradition of adorning the altar with Michaelmas daisies from their gardens. Following the liturgy, we will move to the parish hall for a Greek dinner ordered from Corfu Restaurant. Please use the signup sheets at church, or email your dinner reservations to [stlukesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stlukesoffice@verizon.net).

**Saint Francis Day: Sunday, September 30**

Our Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Animals follows the 10:30am liturgy, beginning with a procession onto the church lawn. Parishioners and our neighbors all look forward to this occasion, so pass the word along (and tell your pets)! If your pet doesn't travel well, bring a photograph. After the prayers and blessing, people and pets are invited to Hospitality Hour.

**"All Creatures Great and Small..."**

Around the beginning of May, I noticed an unusual sight in Station Square as I walked from the E train at Queens Boulevard to Saint Luke's for mid-week services. A brown rooster, possibly a Friesian, had taken up residence there, roosting in the surrounding trees. He strutted around the grass in front of the Forest Hills Inn showing off his red comb and wattles, and often ventured out onto the brick roadways.

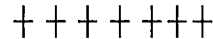
Occasionally he would fly up to the sidewalk bridge in front of the shops on Continental Avenue. He seemed able to navigate between passing cars, perhaps by feeling the vibration of approaching traffic.

He had his admirers -- a woman came before 9:00am each morning with food for him consisting of seeds and grains. People have tried to catch him, but to no avail. How he arrived in Forest Hills and where he is now remain a mystery. The rooster appeared active, alert, and extremely intelligent. I named him "Luke."

--Allan Smith

**September Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 3 Vera Moron
- 3 Luke Dinan
- 5 Anthony Torres
- 7 Dolly Guinther
- 9 Kelsey Reese
- 10 Chandra Singh
- 12 Katie Laatikainen
- 12 Jeanine McPartlin
- 15 Matthew and Lena Kempe (A)
- 16 Brianna Kelly
- 20 Edna and Joseph Boyce (A)
- 22 Thaddeus Baxter
- 24 Linda and Kenneth Portz (A)
- 25 Brendan Gieseke



**Parish Staff**

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**Saint Luke's Church Vestry**

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**Treasurer:** Jean Tessier  
**Clerk:** Jeanine McPartlin

