



THE BELL RINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2012

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JUST GETTING STARTED!

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, October 21st we begin a joyful year of celebration and prayer by gathering together for a 10:30am Festal Holy Eucharist with Choir, Brass and Organ. We are honored and happy that Bishop Provenzano will be present with us as Celebrant and Preacher. The Choir will sing a new anthem and all of us will sing the refrain to this *Hymn of Praise* composed by Bill Stokes for Saint Luke's Centennial. Based on the Biblical texts found inscribed on the wood beams overhead in the nave of the church, this new hymn, as well as the Bishop's message, will encourage us to offer prayers of thanksgiving for 100 years of faithfulness and prayers for mission as we continue our pilgrim walk into our second century of ministry in Christ's Name.

Throughout our centennial year, while we appropriately honor our past, we will also strive to better understand and embrace what it means to commit to our future. This is why our centennial theme is *Our hearts and doors open wide to All*. For if we are always available, always welcoming those who find us and always going out in search of those who need the love of God, then we are becoming the Body of Christ, more and more, as Saint Luke's Church.

100—one hundred years. Why not 100 people as our average Sunday attendance throughout the Centennial year! Starting October 21st, let's intentionally invite friends and neighbors to worship with us. Let's be on the lookout for parishioners we do not see often. Let them know they are missed, that we are less, not just numerically but spiritually, without them. And let us make a point of introducing ourselves to each other because we have welcomed many new people into our community in the past few months. This parish under God is entering its one hundredth year with a vigorous and Holy Spirit.

Yes, our Centennial Celebration is not a culminating event; we are just getting started!

In Christ,

Centennial Luncheon

Reservations for the October 21st 1:00pm luncheon at the West Side Tennis Club have reached the 100-person maximum. A waiting list has been formed for those who still hope for last minute cancellations. To add your name to that list, please speak with Karen VanWestering or Emily Taylor, or contact the church office.

The suggested travel plan from the church to the luncheon site is that all who are able to walk do so. An informal procession will leave from the church and follow a mapped route. Persons with reservations who are *unable to walk* and need a ride to the West Side are asked to contact the church office or sign the sheet posted at church. Likewise, if you would be *willing to drive* as a way to taxi people needing rides, please call the office or sign up at church.

Special Vestry Meeting with the Bishop

Bishop Provenzano will meet with our Vestry on Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. The Bishop routinely visits with the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of a parish in advance of his Sunday with the parish, which in Saint Luke's case will be October 21. During this special meeting, he listens to what the Vestry describes as the ministry and mission challenges of the parish, tours the facilities of the church, and talks about the successes and challenges of the diocese as a whole, encouraging the leadership of the parish to consider ways to further engage in the work of the church through the various ministries and initiatives of the diocese.

Saint Luke's Newly Renovated Kitchen Dedicated

On Sunday, September 30, Father Tom thanked the members of the kitchen renovation committee, Louise Foisy and Jean Tessier; and Stephen Banci, who acted as general contractor, and offered the following prayer of thanks:

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you...

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches: we give thanks for those who offered generously, making Saint Luke's new kitchen possible. We ask that you continue to bless the hands of those who prepare and cook the meals, those who serve, and those who tirelessly clean up. We thank you for egg choppers and tuna mixers; casserole warmers and cookie cutters; dough rollers and pie bakers; caroling party planners, Imaginauction banquet chefs and those who stir the simple Lenten soup; barbecuers and concert reception hosts; every Sunday's hospitable providers of treats and beverages; parish luncheon coordinators; for gingerbread and daily bread.

O Lord, give us grateful hearts, that our kitchen will yet serve in new, useful and faithful ways, that we may joyfully serve Christ to the world.

Amen

Ruth Gotch – In Memoriam

Beloved member of Saint Luke's, Ruth Gotch, who died some months ago, will be specially remembered in prayer at the 8:30am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, October 14th. The early Sunday liturgy was Ruth's choice for years and she served weekly as the early morning Altar Guild, although she did attend the 10:30am Eucharist on festival occasions.

We would like to thank her brother Robert for his recent memorial gift in thanksgiving for "Ruthie's" life. Saying Ruthie would like it this way, his gift includes \$2,000 to our Centennial Fund and \$1,000 to the Memorial Fund.

**Bargain-Hunter's Paradise
Saint Luke's Church**

85 Greenway South • Forest Hills, Queens

**Rummage
Sale**



Sat. Oct. 6, 10 AM-4 PM

Sun. Oct. 7, 12 Noon-4 PM

Mens' Wear, Women's Separates, Boutique, Kids' Department, Linens, White Elephant, Books, CDs and Records, Jewelry, Electronics, and More!

Lunch downstairs at our

Scrumptious Snack Bar!

Proceeds support the programs and ministry of St. Luke's Church

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Church School Parents Meeting

On Sunday morning, October 14, our church school parents will meet during Hospitality Hour. Christian Education Committee Co-Chairs Chris Dippel and Emily Taylor along with our team of teachers will make a presentation designed to spark discussion about the faith formation program for Saint Luke's boys and girls. Father Tom will be present too and all interested parishioners are likewise encouraged to attend.

Children's Centennial Program Sunday, October 28

On this day, church school class will begin at 10am. Father Tom and the teachers are working on creating a class that brings the meaning of our Centennial to a level the boys and girls not only understand but to which they might also contribute ideas.

Parents will also be encouraged to participate in this first of a new series of monthly 10am starting times for church school. On this day, when the children join the congregation at the Peace, Father Tom will shift the sermon time so that our boys and girls can play an active role.

All Faithful Departed

Each year on the Sunday after All Saints' Day, we remember departed loved ones. This being our Centennial Year, we are being asked also to offer the names of Saint Luke's parishioners we have known and who have died over the years. Faithful Departed forms will be found once again in the weekly bulletin. You can also submit names of departed parishioners via email at stlukesoffice@verizon.net

Bakers Needed for Gingerbread Players' Production of Moliere's "Learned Ladies" November 3,4,10 and 11

It's a time-honored GP tradition to sell baked goods at intermission of our wonderful shows. Even to honor M. Moliere, it doesn't have to be French pastry, or even gingerbread -- cookies, brownies, or

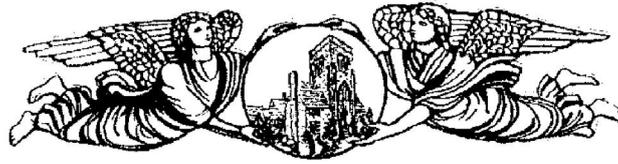
whatever your specialty happens to be will be most welcome. Just contact Louise Foisy (718-575-1767, lmf325@aol.com) and let her know what you can bring.

Annual Pledge Campaign

Because of the Centennial Liturgy, our annual pledge campaign this year will begin on October 28, one week later than usual. A letter from the Wardens will comprise the 2013 Pledge Campaign mailing and will reach members during the week of October 22nd. Stewardship presentations will be offered during the liturgies on Sundays October 28, November 4 and November 18.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Velma Adams
1	Katherine Kripfgans
2	Fran Kubiel
2	Jeffery and Gizelle Frye (A)
4	Dennis Daniel
7	Kellen Reese
8	Brian and Marianne Percival (A)
11	Edna Boyce
12	Dillon Anastasi
15	Dania Santiago
16	Gizelle Frye
20	Luke Patterson
21	Robert and Suzanne Schick Lin (A)
22	Christ and Diane Santana (A)
23	Brice E. Simmons
27	Ed Geist
28	Noelle Lenti
28	Ashley Curran
29	Arthur Tasker
30	Chris Santana
30	Fisher Brown
31	Jane Thornton
31	Shalini Varghese
31	Austin Baxter



Wings of Song
Heavenly Music in a Sacred Space
presents

An Afternoon of
Jazz and Swing
featuring

The Broken Reed
Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, October 28
at 3:00 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$12
(\$10 for students, seniors & groups)

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Parish Staff

The Reverend William Doubleday, Priest
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Saint Luke's Church Vestry

Rector: The Reverend Thomas F. Reese

Wardens: Velma Adams, Brian Percival

Vestry: Jackie Dinas, Christopher Dippel,

Louise Foisy, Ed Geist, Joanna Guinther,

Laudrey Lamadieu, Jeanine McPartlin, Joseph J.

Occhiuto, Theresa O'Rourke, John Ryding, Jane

Thornton, Karen Van Westering

Treasurer: Jean Tessier

Clerk: Jeanine McPartlin

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