



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

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***The Bellringer is Going DIGITAL
We need the email addresses
of our many friends!***

Not only is bulk mail becoming increasingly expensive, but the post office is even considering phasing out non-profit bulk rates. So we are being proactive and cost-conscious in developing *The Bellringer* for email distribution.

If, as a Friend of Saint Luke's, you would like to continue receiving *The Bellringer*, please forward your email address as soon as possible before the end of March to saintlukesoffice@verizon.net.

If you do *not* use the internet but would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter via land mail, please call the parish office at 718-268-6021 to let us know, or land-mail your request to Saint Luke's Church, 85 Greenway South, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

Hearing from you before the end of March will be of great assistance.

Many thanks,
Lisa Duca
Parish Administrator

Becoming Saint Luke's Church

Dear Friends,
When the parish survey on Ministry and Mission was circulated this past fall, the submitted responses developed a clear picture of how we see ourselves and what particularly defines Saint Luke's as a faith community. Our gathering weekly on the Lord's Day and seasonally for the festivals of the church year forms the joyful and inspirational center of our life together. That our worship is supported and enhanced through sacred music—organ, choir, congregational singing—as well as by opportunities for lay people to serve in the liturgy are considered integral to who we are. At the same time, the commitment to reach out and serve people in need is also at the heart of our self-identity. This wonderful and creative balance of service to God and with fellow humanity is the Christ-center from which

we can become Saint Luke's Church more and more. This balance, too, is what nurtures the third aspect of our self-portrait: we prize our community life—the myriad ways available for coming together in projects that further the church's mission and for the personal support and understanding we experience in our parish family.

Worship, Outreach, Community—These not only sustain us, but nurture and encourage our growth and evolution in becoming Saint Luke's Church which, in turn, attracts others into Christ's life offered for all. As you read this issue of *The Bellringer*, you will note opportunities for worship, outreach and community throughout the Lenten season.

Faithfully yours,

LENT AT SAINT LUKE'S

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Sunday Sermon Series

*What We Do and Why We Do It:
Lent and Holy Week*

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Wednesdays, Feb. 29 through Mar. 28

Morning Prayer at 10:00am

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Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

You are invited to participate in our
Mid-week Lenten Community:

7:00pm – Holy Eucharist

7:30pm – Simple Soup Supper

8:00pm – "The Last Week" Book Discussion

Books available at Hospitality Hour for \$11

Feb. 29: Palm Sunday/Holy Monday (p. 1-53)

Mar. 7: Holy Tuesday & Wednesday (p. 55-107)

Mar. 14: Maundy Thursday (p. 109-135)

Mar. 21: Good Friday, Holy Saturday (p. 137-187)

Mar. 28: Easter Sunday (p. 189-216)

PLEASE SIGN UP.

Soup Chefs and Salad/Bread providers also needed

***Camp DeWolfe, Our Lenten Offering
and 2012 Outreach Grant Recipient***

Lenten Project mite boxes can be found on the table in the narthex. Please take one for your daily self-denial offering to benefit **Camp DeWolfe**, our Diocesan summer ministry with children and youth and year-round conference center. Matt and Emma Tees, Camp DeWolfe coordinators, will be our guests on Sunday, March 11 and will speak during the 10:30 liturgy. On April 1, The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), don't forget to bring your mite boxes to church. They will be collected during the Offertory. During Lent, please pray and give so that our self-denial offering is a right beginning in thanks to God and help for Camp DeWolfe.

Our focus on Camp DeWolfe will continue throughout 2012. During the Easter Season, on Saturday, May 5 Saint Luke's will participate in a hands-on Parish Service Project at Camp DeWolfe. Look for further details in the Eastertide *Bellringer*.

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***The Forest Park Deanery:
A CALL TO MISSION
Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist,
Lenten Sermon Series and Supper
March 1 through 29 at 7:00pm***

March 1: "Patriarchs" – Father Taylor
Church of the Resurrection, Kew Gardens
March 8: "Prophets" – Father Henry
All Saints, Richmond Hill
March 15: "Jesus" – Dean Hinds
Church of the Resurrection, Kew Gardens
March 22: "The Acts of the Apostles" – Bishop
Provenzano
Saint John's, South Ozone Park
March 29: "Paul" – Father Reese
All Saints, Richmond Hill

OUTREACH BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 18

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Lenten Project Bake Sale to benefit Camp DeWolfe after the 10:30 service on March 18, "Refreshment Sunday." Remember that even during Lent, Sunday is a feast day, so plan to "refresh" yourselves by purchasing delicious baked goods, and contribute to a worthy cause at the same time!

***Wednesday Noon Worship and Luncheon
At Church-in-the-Gardens***

All are invited to join our neighbors at Church-in-the-Gardens at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays in Lent, February 29 through March 28. Father Tom will be guest preacher on February 29.

***Festive Celebration of Music Education
in Haiti, India and New York
Saturday, March 17***

The Cameron Scottish Music Ensemble regularly meets at Saint Luke's Church throughout the year to conduct musician workshops. On March 17 at 7:30pm the Ensemble will present an event for their members and friends, and extends a warm invitation to all interested parishioners:

An evening of live music in the Indian, Haitian and Scottish traditions along with filmed highlights of the Scottish musicians' travels in the Himalayas in October 2011. Haitian Creole and Indian delicacies will be served for refreshments. \$40 per adult, \$15 for children under 14. Reservation forms will be available soon.

All proceeds will benefit music education programs...

*in Haiti – through Saint Luke's Outreach – funds will be given to assist the Notre Dame de l'Annonciation school to provide music education in the recovering earthquake zone.

*in Kalimpong, India (also a recovering earthquake zone) funds will be provided to assist the Gandhi Ashram school, where each child is given a violin and taught to play.

*in New York the Cameron Ensemble's funds will supplement the teaching of traditional music to musicians of all ages and abilities.

-- Isabelle Smith

***Gingerbread Bakers and Sellers
Needed for "ANNIE"***

One of the most beloved traditions of the Gingerbread Players is the sale of homemade gingerbread during intermission at our shows. It's a fun activity for cast members, their parents, and volunteers from Saint Luke's, and the money we make helps to support the church's Outreach projects. We invite you to help by baking and/or selling gingerbread at any of the six performances of "Annie": Saturday April 21, Sunday April 22, Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29 at 2:30pm; and Saturday April 21 and Friday April 27 at 7:30pm.

Cookie cutouts are fun to make, but cakes are also welcome, and the boxed mixes are delicious and very

Saint Luke's Church Vestry

Rector: The Reverend Thomas F. Reese
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COMING IN APRIL

The Gingerbread Players of Saint Luke's Church
present the beloved family musical

"ANNIE"

April 21, 22, 28 & 29 at 2:30pm April 22 & 27 at 7:30pm

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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