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SAINT LUKE'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

2013

JUNE-JULY 2013

Forest Hills Interfaith Clergy

Dear Friends,

We are saying good bye, and wishing well with prayers, two ministers who have served the Forest Hills faith community well. After 42 years of service with the Reform Temple of Forest Hills, Rabbi Mayer Perelmutter retired on May 18. Rabbi Perelmutter was instrumental in the formation of the Forest Hills Interfaith Community. He will continue to live in Forest Hills and has been named Rabbi Emeritus.

After 21 years as Pastor, Noel Vanek will be leaving Church in the Gardens following Sunday worship on July 14. Pastor Vanek has accepted a call to a United Church of Christ congregation in Pelham, New York.

These two gifted ministers of God's word have been an energetic duo sparking many educational forums and interfaith worship events over the years. Their wisdom, grace and humility will be missed by us all. Each is a person of deep faith with unique gifts and talents. Rabbi Perelmutter can pronounce a deep biblical insight with a gentle smile on his face—making both his point and his person very accessible to others. Pastor Noel is equally accessible and has tirelessly shown his dedication not only to a vision of wider cooperation between churches but of the God who embraces people of different faiths.

May they fare well in their future pursuits and may the leaders of the Forest Hills Interfaith Community not only carry on but also expand the tradition of shared worship and joint programming.

Faithfully yours,

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

June 2 – Corpus Christi

10:30am Holy Eucharist
with Procession in Observance of the
90th Anniversary of the
Laying of the Cornerstone
Sermon: The Body of Christ



June 9

Sermon: Prayer as Dance



June 16

10:30am
Celebrating Ministry
with Children and Youth



Saint Luke's Festival Youth Choir
Church School Recognition
Sermon: Why Holy Communion?



Parish Picnic

(Use the sign-up sheets to indicate you
are attending and whether you are
bringing entrée, side, salad or dessert to
share.)



June 23

“Pride Weekend” in NYC

Sermon:
Alleluia, Marriage Equality; But...



June 30

Sermon:
What Would You Say?

**Screening Mystery—
Tracing Themes, Human and Divine,
In Film**



Love is Sin

(2011, Taiwan)

June 5 – 7:30pm

film presentation and discussion

In a small Taiwanese mountain village, kindly A-mien welcomes people, especially children, at the tiny grocery store she runs. One day, a foreigner arrives. Everyone believes Jimmy is a young priest from America...

This gentle tale about human redemption makes its Continental USA Premiere at Saint Luke's by special arrangement with Director Huang Chao-Liang and with thanks to the social network Asian In New York (www.blog.AsianInNY.com).

***Gingerbread Players'*
CENTENNIAL GALA**

Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9

In honor of the first 100 years of Saint Luke's Church, the Gingerbread Players will take a celebratory look back at our own forty-plus year history with a gala revue in cabaret format. Eat, drink and be merry while journeying with Players past and present through a cavalcade of highlights from previous shows. For a mere \$25 per person, renowned Saint Luke's chefs Jean Tessier and Terri O'Rourke will provide elegant hors d'oeuvres and pastries, along with Champagne, for you to enjoy during Saturday's evening performance at 7:00, and a lavish Champagne high tea at the 3:00 Sunday matinee.

The Gala features excerpts from original musicals by our own Madeleine Hogan, Bill Ryden, and Milburn Smith, as well as classic hits ranging from opera to Broadway to Shakespeare. The cast includes Shannon O'Rourke, Becki Santana, Bill Gross, Trey Sandusky, Andrew Dinan, Jim Chamberlain, Ngan Ping Chang, Barbara Glick, David Friedman, a handful of Guinthers, Brian and Marianne Percival, Karole and Peter Lewis, Mollie and Olivia Smith, and Eliza Vallette. Velma Adams, Ivy Adrian and Sylvie Yannella will be tickling the ivories.

Seating is limited. If you haven't already done so, please make your reservations as soon as possible.

-- Louise Guinther

***The Rev. William S. (Chip) Stokes*
Elected Bishop of New Jersey**

As long-time parishioners know, Chip Stokes grew up at Saint Luke's, singing in the choir, serving as an acolyte and crucifer, and participating in the youth group. Saint Luke's was Chip's "sending community" when he became a postulant for Holy Orders and began his studies at General Theological Seminary, where he was awarded the Joseph Farley Memorial Scholarship that had been established in honor of Saint Luke's late Rector.

On May 4, the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey elected Chip, currently Rector of Saint Paul's Church in Delray Beach, Florida, as 12th Bishop. He will be consecrated on November 2nd. We wholeheartedly congratulate Chip, and pray that God will bless him and his wife, Susan, as they embark on this new ministry.

Pentecost Baptism

On the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 19, Nicholas Evan Bruzewicz, infant son of Derek and Ana Bruzewicz, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Please keep Nicholas, Ana and Derek in your prayers as we welcome Nicholas into the household of God.

Annual Vestry Retreat

Please keep the Rector, Wardens and Vestry in your prayers while they gather at Little Portion Friary for the annual retreat on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15. The Vestry will be considering the main points shared during the three Parish Discernment Forums when presentations and discussions envisioned our second century as “Becoming Saint Luke’s Church More and More.” Be looking for a letter from the Rector ahead of the Vestry Retreat and then a report from the Vestry in September.

Saint Luke’s Centennial Fund Update

On Sunday, June 16, at both the 8:30 and 10:30am liturgies, Centennial Fund Chairperson Jim Chamberlain and Fund Treasurer Karen VanWesterling will report to the parish on the success of the Fund to date. With only four months remaining in our Centennial Year Celebration, they will also suggest how we might come even closer to our \$200,000 goal.

Centennial Quilt Raffle Tickets Available Beginning in June

Disappointed that you didn’t win anything in the Imaginauction Raffle? Don’t despair – you’ll have a second chance to try your luck when you purchase raffle tickets for the **Centennial Quilt**, designed and created by Joanna Guinther with help from other parishioners.

At \$5.00 per ticket, five for \$20.00, it’s a chance to acquire a genuine work of needlework art for an amazing bargain price. All proceeds benefit Saint Luke’s Centennial Fund. Raffles will be sold at hospitality hour each Sunday, and the winner will be announced at the parish luncheon following our final Centennial Liturgy on October 20.

-- Jane Thornton

Bequests and Gifts

The parish has received a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of long-time parishioner Esther Becker, as well as a generous thanksgiving of

\$5,000 from Esther’s daughter and son-in-law Ann and Gregory O’Connell, in memory of Esther, Gilbert and Duncan Becker. Esther’s bequest was made to the Centennial Fund and the O’Connell gift was made to Saint Luke’s Endowment/Savings.

An anonymous gift of \$200 in thanksgiving for the children of Saint Luke’s Church was given to defray the cost of the Church School Centennial Tree. Additionally, Lydia Arlt who is leaving Saint Luke’s because of a move to Saratoga County, NY, has made a gift of \$1,000 to the Centennial Fund for additional plants and landscaping as may be needed.

Remembering the church through bequests to the church in your will, as well as special and planned gifts during your lifetime, greatly enhance the ability of Saint Luke’s to carry out our mission with vitality. May the thoughtful stewardship of those who have recently made gifts, and for whom we give thanks, encourage us all to consider ways in which we each might make a special gift for the good of Christ’s Body the Church.

New Co-Chairs Join Special Event Projects

We thank Debbie Smith for joining existing Rummage Sale co-chair Louise Foisy in offering leadership for the success of this year’s October 5-6 Sale. And no sooner was the 2013 Imaginauction over (thank you, Jeanine McPartlin, for your two years as co-chair) that co-chair Sherri Papamihalis learned that Joe Occhiuto will join her for leadership of the 2014 event.

Discerning Call to Holy Orders

Having participated in Diocesan workshops in early spring, both Joe Occhiuto and Julia Khan have been invited by the Commission on Ministry to participate in Ministry Discernment Groups. Throughout the summer, they will join with other persons in seeking to better understand if ministry as a deacon or priest is the

fitting way to respond to God's call. Each group is coordinated by a member of the Diocesan Commission. In addition, each person chooses a parishioner to accompany them on this journey. Jean Tessier is Joe's companion; Gary Carldon is Julia's companion. Please keep them all in your prayers as Joe explores the possibility of serving in the Diocese as a deacon and Julia as a priest. By October, they will learn whether they have been asked to continue in the process.

Pray also for Lori Sbordone who had gone through the diocesan discernment process for consideration as a deacon. This spring Lori learned that she would not be going forward for further consideration. As it happens, many people who enter this process are not received for ordination. This is not a negative statement about the person's gifts or suitability for ministry but rather the determination of the Bishop, Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry based on what is needed in the diocese at present. Just as the Bishop encourages Lori to continue exploring how best to share her gifts through the ministry of all baptized persons, may our prayers for Lori lift her up during this time.

Saint Luke's Summer Hours

Sunday worship takes place at the same times year-round: 8:30 and 10:30am. *The Wednesday 10am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing will be suspended July 10th through August 14th.* Beginning the week of June 24th, Lisa Duca will be in the parish office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Volunteers will cover the office on Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00am until 1:00pm. The normal office schedule will resume as announced in September.

Saint Luke's "Bookstore" Reopens Sunday, June 16...

...just in time for summer reading! As soon as the spring Centennial celebrations are over, we'll be accepting donations of new and used books again. Bring them when you come to church (but *not* before June 16, please) and put them on the

book table in the parish hall. Same bargain rates will apply – pay what you like, what you can afford, or what you think the books are worth.

Forest Hills Community Food Drive Saturday June 22

Saint Luke's, along with other local churches and synagogues, will participate in this year's food drive in support of the Interfaith Hunger Network of Queens. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 22 to accept donations of food at the Associated Supermarket on 64th Road just off 108th Street. To volunteer, please use the sign up sheets at church.

Food items also may be dropped off at Saint Luke's during Sunday June 23rd liturgies. *Please note that fresh foods and items in glass containers cannot be accepted.* Top-priority foods requested are canned beef stew, tuna, corned beef hash, hot cereals, powdered milk, 46-ounce cans of fruit juice, and peanut butter. Donations may also be made by check to the Queens Interfaith Hunger Network.

Wanted: A Loving Home for a Beautiful, Lovable Pedigreed Cat

Her name is Lilla. My plans are uncertain so I'm not sure where I'll be living. At the moment I am at Atria Forest Hills and can be reached any evening after 5:30 at 718-261-5300; ask for Room 309. I look forward to hearing from you.

-- Maria Barbanotti

"Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy..." ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE Saturday, July 13 at 5:00pm

Get set for Saint Luke's annual Barbecue, one of our most popular parish traditions, coming up on Saturday, July 13 (rain date, July 14). Please save the date for this all-American classic. For only \$10 per person (\$5 for children), you get burgers, hot dogs, veggieburgers, salads, dessert — the works! Everyone is welcome, so invite a friend – or several – to join us at this event and discover what a warm and wonderful place our spiritual home can be.

SLYG SHOWCASE NIGHT

Saturday, August 24th, 2013.
Doors will open at 6:30pm
Curtain at 7pm

Seeking talented Teen and Adult Performers eager to share their special skills and gifts. Open venue.
Entrance fee: \$5.00. Delicious Food and Beverages will be sold
Movie Basket Raffle

This is a fund raising event for our Centennial Gift which will be a processional cross. Sign up will be available as of Sunday, June 2, 2013.
If the stage is not your calling, come anyway, and be part of a wonderful audience. Please mark your calendar and don't forget to bring your friends, family, and neighbors.
For further information contact Abigail Torres at: abigail.t379@verizon.net or 917-676-6265.

Milestones

Born to Heather Hanson and Margaret Schotte – twins, Spencer Lewis and Juliet Grace, on May 14.,
Born to Matthew and Kathleen Bachiochi – a son, Luke.
Marriage on July 7 – Andre Deazle and Carla Williams.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, August 10:

Forest Park Deanery Barbecue
Stay tuned for location and details.

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00pm:

The Feast of Saint Mary
Outdoor Holy Eucharist & Picnic Supper

Sunday, August 18 at 10:30am:

Church-in-the-Gardens worships at Saint Luke's

Saturday, August 24 at 6:30pm:

SAVE THE DATE for Saint Luke's Youth Group Showcase Night

Sunday, August 25 at 10:00am:

Saint Luke's worships at Church-in-the-Gardens

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Michael Boyce
3 Lori Sbordone
4 Zephyr Robinette
6 Joe Dinas
6 Sheila Miller
6 Erica Ponce
8 Joyce Egginton
9 Varghese K. Varghese
9 Martha Garcia
10 Peter Wang
12 Anthony & Valerie Torres (A)
11 Heather Hanson
11 Christopher Kelly
14 Dennis Martinez
15 Shibu Varghese
18 Shirley Vickers
21 Lucia Tasker
22 Victoria Cartagena & Irina Rodrigues (A)
24 Bill Stokes
25 Shibu & Shalini Varghese (A)
15 Jim Bates

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Vittoria Guzman
2 Phoebe Chui
2 Wayne & Sally Baxter (A)
3 Harper Curran
5 Amelia St.Armand
6 Camille Mashi-Das
6 Chris Dippel
8 Sally Baxter
9 Ann Espenschied
9 Shannon O'Rourke
9 Dennis Khare
9 Lisa Duca
10 Barbara Gratz & Lori Sbordone (A)
10 Hedi Hoffman
12 Camilla Chodkowski
13 Tom Reese
19 Olivia Smith
20 Isabelle Smith
22 Ian Ryding
22 Elizabeth & Bryan Cibroski (A)
28 Michael Papamihalis
30 Dania & Axel Santiago
31 Jackie Dinas
31 Frances Sergi
31 Heather Hanson & Margaret Schotte (A)

You're Invited to:



A cabaret-style retrospective in celebration of
St. Luke's 100th Anniversary, featuring
Gingerbread Players past and present in
highlights from our 42-year history

Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m.

with hors d'oeuvres, pastries & champagne

Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m.

with champagne high tea

\$25/person; \$100/table of four