



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

MARCH 2013

Lent V - March 17

Dear Friends,

People often remark that Saint Luke's is a very active church. No doubt about it. And sometimes we can feel a bit stretched by the number of events going on or being planned. That is why, when we get to the Fifth Week of Lent, we have a parish tradition of abstaining from all committee and project meetings until after Easter Sunday—which this year means from March 17 through March 31. This allows us time to clear agendas and assume a posture of preparation for the approach of Holy Week.

This year, during Lent V, time is being put aside for parishioners who wish to meet for spiritual guidance or for the Reconciliation of A Penitent. You can arrange for a half-hour appointment either by emailing me at stlukestom@yahoo.com or calling me directly at 917-714-5647.

Half-hour conferences are available as follows:

Wed. March 20 Morning—

7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15

Wed. March 20 Evening—

4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00

Sat. March 23 Morning—

9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

If you would like to meet with me but the above times are not workable for you, please contact me and we will find the time.

May your Lent continue to be a time of prayerful reorientation.

Faithfully yours,

DEANERY QUIET DAY AT SAINT LUKE'S

*for all the parishes of the
Forest Park Deanery*

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

**“CHRIST, THE HEALER
OF ALL OUR DIS-EASE”**

***The program begins at 9:30am, includes
lunch (\$5) and concludes at 2:00pm.***

Three presentations with time for reflection and discussion will be offered as a way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Please register by Sunday, March 10 using the sign-up sheet at church, sending an email to stlukesoffice@verizon.net, or phoning the office at 718-268-6021.

Donation Jar at Hospitality Hour

On Sundays, you will notice the Outreach donation jar displayed during Hospitality Hour. Throughout Lent, please drop your “spare change” into the jar. It will be added to the daily mite box offerings all parishioners are making at home. As most of you already know, our Lenten offering benefits Notre Dame de l'Annonciation School in Haiti.

The Outreach donation jar replaces the coffee hour basket that used to be placed on the table. That basket, which was for cash donations towards hospitality hour supplies, received only intermittent attention by folks over the years. The Vestry approved the Outreach Committee proposal to display the donation jar for the purposes of enhancing our outreach offerings.

Come Easter season and then through 2013, the donation jar will be for this year's Outreach Grant recipient—the After-School Program at Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaica NY. More on that in the weeks to come.

SAINT LUKE'S LENTEN SERIES
"The Religions of the World Today"

Wednesdays March 6, 13 and 20

We are reading *God is not One* by Stephen Prothero. Even if you haven't read the book you will learn a lot by joining us!

7:00pm Holy Eucharist

7:30pm Simple Supper

8:00pm Discussion

Prayers and Condolences

Long-time parishioners know Corinne Przedpelski, who moved to Connecticut some years back. We have learned that her husband Ted died on Wednesday, February 27, after a hospitalization following recent heart surgery. Arrangements for the funeral in Connecticut are being made. Friends can send their prayers and love to Corinne at 48A Heritage Village, Southbury CT, 06488.

KIDS' LENTEN BAKING PROJECT

Saturday, March 9 at 10:00am

Children age five and up are invited to participate in this morning of fun and fellowship, baking cookies and other goodies to be sold at the "Refreshment Sunday" Bake Sale after the 10:30 service on March 10. All proceeds from the sale benefit Notre Dame de l'Annonciation School.

To sign your child up for baking day, call Louise Guinther, 212-769-7082, or email info@gingerbreadplayers.org. Donations of flour, sugar, butter and eggs are welcome. Please let us know in advance what you can bring.

"REFRESHMENT SUNDAY"

Bake Sale March 10
after the 10:30 Liturgy

We need grownup bakers, too. If you can contribute some baked goods to the sale, contact Joanna Guinther 718-268-6292 or jbg23@verizon.net. And if baking isn't your thing, by all means refresh yourself by patronizing the sale!

EASTER Sacred Music and Flowers

Trombone will accompany the music and flowers will adorn the church for our celebratory Easter worship. Your contributions, in memory or in thanksgiving, are requested in order to make these expressions of joy possible.

Kindly fill out the form below and submit it, along with your contribution, to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 20.

Trombone

Circle one: In memory
 In Thanksgiving

Names:

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Flowers

Circle one: In memory
 In Thanksgiving

Names:

Given by:

(your name) _____

Calling All Kids!

Come to an Egg-dying Party
10:30am Saturday, March 30

Snacks, fun, and egg-dying supplies will be provided. Just bring a dozen (or more) eggs, either hard-boiled or blown, and your creative spirit. The eggs you decorate may either be left at Saint Luke's to be hidden in the morning for the Easter Egg Hunt, or brought home with you to enjoy there.

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday After the 10:30 Service

Weather permitting, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church lawn. Children who wish to hunt should bring their Easter baskets and assemble by the front steps after the service. We would love to have the help of older children and teens in hiding the eggs. Please contact Chris Dippel 718-490-0839 or chris@dippel.us, or Emily Taylor 718-456-9670 or erwtaylor@gmail.com for more details.

LOOKING FORWARD...

Mark your calendars!

Gingerbread Players
Present Their Spring Musical

"Bye Bye Birdie"

April 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21

Saint Luke's Fabulous

IMAGINAUCTION

Saturday, May 18

EASTER LETTER

AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saint Luke's Easter Letter will be sent via land mail to arrive at your home by the weekend of March 16. The letter includes the Rector's Holy Week meditation and the full schedule. Encapsulated here, the liturgies are as follows:

Sunday of the Passion – March 24

8:30 and 10:30am



Holy Monday through Holy Wednesday

March 25 -27 – 10:00am Holy Eucharist



Maundy Thursday – March 28

8:00pm Liturgy

(followed by *The Watch*)



Good Friday – March 29

12 Noon Prayer Book Liturgy

(followed by Walk to Deanery Churches)

8:00pm A Way of the Cross



The Great Vigil Of Easter – March 30

8:00pm The First Eucharist of Easter



The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Day – March 31

8:30 and 10:30am

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4 Nitin Varghese
- 6 Patricia Gambis
- 10 Dawn Kelly
- 13 Lena Kempe
- 15 Axel Santiago
- 17 Louise Foisy
- 17 Wolfgang Kripfgans
- 18 Karen Van Westering
- 19 Sherri Papamihalis
- 19 Jim and Giselle Bates (A)
- 24 Rowena Chodkowski
- 29 Pam Fuller
- 30 Susan Civita
- 31 Victoria Cartagena

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