



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

JANUARY 2014

Having An Epiphany

Dear Friends,

Even the Merriam-Webster Dictionary gives prominence to The Epiphany on January 6 as the first definition of *epiphany*, when the Three Kings recognized the infant Jesus as the Christ. This gives rise to the second definition in which an epiphany is the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. But for us earthlings, the third definition is especially helpful for understanding what the Epiphany season is all about: *a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.*

The Visitation by the Magi opens up a church season in which all people of faith are invited to see or experience things in a new way. The Season of Lights, as it is sometimes called, is the time in which we allow the coming of God's Son into the world to shed light that offers a new perspective.

During the Epiphany Season at Saint Luke's this year, we will be experiencing some things in a new way, and also considering some new things. Liturgically, on Sundays, we will be learning new service music—a new Gloria and Sanctus, as well as new music for the Breaking of the Bread. In addition, there will be liturgies during which a familiar prayer is rephrased with alternative wording or the worship incorporates service elements we do not usually employ. This perspectival shift might lead to an epiphany moment for you, or for us all as a parish.

During this season, and introduced at the Annual Meeting, we will consider new program initiatives to express the church's mission in a new way: a Summer Community Youth Program that includes week-long experiences in chorus, theater arts, and a Christian Education option such as Vacation Bible School; a September to June After-School Program; a year-round Safe Space for Teens (on a scheduled monthly evening to start); our new kitchen as the heart of offering catering space for marriages and other events.

These are potential “new things” for Saint Luke's Church. Yet as we consider the church's mission from new perspectives, we are very likely to have *epiphany moments* when we discover other new ideas for extending our presence and participation in/with the wider community.

Happy Epiphany,



HEARING VOICES—
*The Church as conversation that
supports commitment*

Saturday, January 18, 2014
10:00am – 4:00pm

**SAINT LUKE'S ANNUAL
ADULT EDUCATION DAY**

Lunch Included
Morning and Evening Prayer
Presentations and Shared Reflection
on

- **“Here Am I”** – *Bible Study that considers this classic response of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Hebrew Bible*
- **Peter, Paul and Mary** – *not the folksingers but the voices heard by the first Bishop, the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the Mother of Jesus*
- **Voices We Ourselves Have Heard** – *Mapping your faith by recalling the voices who have guided you in your life (family, friends, loved ones, authors, historical/contemporary figures, life events, nature, art, music...)*
- **The Dialogue of Faith** – *Faith as hearing voices and responding*
- **And our words become flesh** – *Offering our personal gifts for the corporate mission of the church*

Register by Wednesday, January 15

Sign up at church

or

Email the parish office

stlukesoffice@verizon.net

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2014
10:30am

Everyone is invited to Saint Luke's Annual Meeting which begins with the 10:30am Holy Eucharist and the Rector's Annual Report. The meeting then continues in the parish hall with Vestry elections, committee reports and all other business. This year, in light of the conclusion of our Centennial celebration, we will also be voting on artifacts to include in a Saint Luke's "time capsule." As always, the Annual Meeting concludes with a shared potluck luncheon. Please sign up at church or contact the parish office indicating your attendance and what dish you will contribute for the lunch.

The Nominating Committee's Slate of Candidates for all open offices are as follows: Warden (two-year term), Brian Percival; Vestry (three-year terms), Christopher Dippel, Joanna Guinther, Jyri Laatikainen, Jeanine McPartlin; and Julian Bayona (one-year unexpired term).

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 2 | Chris and Claire Dippel (A) |
| 5 | Tyson Ho |
| 5 | Tess Conte |
| 6 | Florence Amato |
| 6 | Titcha Ho |
| 7 | Sal Amato |
| 7 | Devin Smith |
| 8 | Michele Kasper |
| 9 | Olivia Rivera |
| 12 | Nancy Northrop |
| 13 | Anthony Lenti |
| 14 | Kim Su |
| 14 | Alice Chodkowski |
| 17 | Ananya Goswami |
| 17 | Chloe Smith |
| 19 | Ann Chamberlain |
| 19 | Andrew Dinan |
| 21 | Zoe Smith |
| 21 | Michael Riley |
| 22 | Lara Wang |
| 22 | Helen Wang |
| 24 | Kai Laatikainen |
| 27 | James Jonah |
| 28 | Corinna Schotte Hanson |