



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2014

*You are invited—
A Saint Luke's Day
Parish Conversation
Sunday, October 19*

Dear Friends,
Following the Parish Feast Day Holy Eucharist on Sunday, October 19, everyone is invited to participate in an informal conversation about our parish life. After having a chance to get some refreshments, we will break into small groups to chat about what matters to the people of Saint Luke's.

This promises to be an enjoyable and informative opportunity for newer and longer-term parishioners to get to know each other better while sharing thoughts and feelings about our ministries and programs, including any new ideas or suggestions people might have. The Vestry is coordinating the effort and will have two-person teams in each small group to facilitate the conversation. I will circulate between the various conversations in case there are any specific questions with which I might be helpful.

In order that everyone has a clear idea of the conversation's intent, the Vestry wants to list the questions that will shape the context of the conversations. Here they are:

- How did you first become involved with Saint Luke's?
- Does worship at Saint Luke's involve more than church on Sundays?
- Are there programs you would like to see that Saint Luke's does not yet offer?
- What can Saint Luke's do for you?

- How do you think Saint Luke's should be involved in the community?
- Is there anything else (including, perhaps, something about you that we don't know) that you would like to mention?

As you can tell from reading the questions, the goal of our "Saint Luke's Day Conversation" is to offer a parish-wide opportunity to deepen communications and share ideas that can strengthen our bonds with each other as well as to give energy to the ways in which we seek to express the mission of the church.

Please circle October 19th both for our festive liturgical celebration and our chance to chat about our Saint Luke's life. We'll gather after both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Faithfully yours,

**Saint Francis Day
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 11:30AM
ON THE CHURCH LAWN
ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

Camp DeWolfe Presentation

Sunday, October 5

Camp DeWolfe, located in Wading River, is the residential sleep-away camp of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. In recent years, some of our boys and girls have participated and speak glowingly of their experiences. On Sunday, October 5 during our 10:30 am liturgy, Director Matt Tees will make a presentation and then be available to talk with families during Hospitality Hour.

To encourage youth, ages 7 through 17, from parishes to sign up for the program, the Camp offers automatic 50% Scholarships (donated by Episcopal Charities) if the family completes the registration form and provides the \$100 registration fee on the day the Director makes a visit to a parish; in our case, Sunday, October 5. Balances then become due May 1st in order to keep the scholarship.

You can check out this program of faith formation for youth at <http://campdewolfe.org/summer-camp>.



Confirmation at the Cathedral

Saturday, October 18

Candidates for Confirmation and Reception include Nicole Palma, Jillian Smith, Nitin Varghese and Wolf Kripfgans. Parishioners reaffirming their Baptismal Vows are Velma Adams, Colleen Kidida, Kay Kripfgans and Terri O'Rourke. Please keep them all in your prayers and consider coming to the Confirmation liturgy at The Cathedral of the Incarnation on Saturday, October 18th at 4:00 pm.

Deacon Charlie Perrin

We haven't seen Deacon Charlie for awhile. He had been on the healing list because of a household boiling water burn on one of his feet. We can give thanks now that Charlie is recovered, just in time for him to be with us for our Saint Luke's Day liturgies on Sunday, October 19.

Centering Prayer Group Moves to Saint Luke's

An ecumenical prayer group that has been meeting at Church-in-the-Gardens will move to Saint Luke's chapel on the first and third Thursdays of the month, beginning October 16 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Practicing "Centering Prayer," this group, which includes Saint Luke's parishioner Joan Golan and is led by Jackie Herbach, practices a contemplative method of praying without words as a way for our hearts and wills to reach out to God's living presence and action within us. For more information about this manner of prayer, there is much at www.contemplativeoutreach.org.

If you would like further information about the prayer group, you can speak with Joan Golan or contact Jackie Herbach directly at jackeecat1129@aol.com.

Children's Homily

Sunday, October 12

To put it simply: we have been blessed with a wonderful group of boys and girls (two class groups) who comprise this year's church school on Sundays. And on October 12, the Sunday of our Rummage Sale, we are hard-pressed for space, especially with so many children. Therefore, instead of the usual Sunday class experience, all of our boys and girls will be present for the entirety of the 10:30 Eucharist and will help Father Tom with his sermon for the day!



Attention All Rummage Sale Shoppers!

Bill Stokes

will offer a free

ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 2:00pm

and

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 1:00pm

in the church

featuring music by Tchaikowsky,

Handel, Mussorgsky and Gluck

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bargain-Hunter's Paradise!
Saint Luke's Church
85 Greenway South • Forest Hills

Rummage Sale



Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12, noon–4 p.m.

Vintage Clothing • Jewelry • Linens
White Elephant • Books, Records, Videos, CDs
Menswear • Appliances • Children's Dept.

Lunch downstairs at our
Scrumptious Snack Bar!



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

www.stlukesforesthills.org; 718-268-6021

Saint Luke's Spirituality Group
"Reunion"

This past July, part of Saint Luke's "Summer Camp" was a four-evening discussion group about faith and daily life. Those folks are getting back together on Wednesday, October 22 in the parish hall at 7:30pm and everyone is invited. If you would like to be part of a discussion on what issues of faith and life matter to you, then please consider participating on the 22nd.



ROCKTOBERFEST!
OCTOBER 25 AT 6:00PM

Don't miss the event that will rock this season! Come on out to support upcoming artists near you! Saint Luke's Youth Group will be hosting their very first Rocktoberfest on October 25th. This one-night music festival will feature several local bands performing originals and cover music from genres including Jazz, Hard Rock, and Heavy Metal. Snacks and beverages will be sold throughout the night, and all ages will be admitted for a \$5 entry fee. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the Youth Group, and a tithe will be given to a charity the group agrees on. Doors open at 6:00pm and the first band is on at 6:30pm.

This is the Youth Group's first step in creating a safe space for young people in the parish and community to present similar evening programs on a regular basis, so stay tuned for further developments!

--Shannon O'Rourke

Wings of Song
Sunday, October 26 at 3:00pm
Blanca Ugelli and Friends
present a program of
Chamber Music
Suggested donation is \$12 (\$10 for seniors
and students.

A Warm Welcome

In recent weeks and over past months, a number of people have started worshipping at Saint Luke's and joining in various activities:

Carolee and Norman Angell

Moira Egan

Pamela and Kenneth Grazette

Jennifer Hudson-Philips

Kevin and Evette Keating, and children Regan and Catalina

Nicole Palma

Margaret Rowley

Tom and LaniSidman

Richard and Stephanie Soukup

Morgan Strawn

Daniel Tighe

Mickey and Manny Zacarias, and children Jocelyn and Kaden

So if you see someone you don't know, say hi!



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Velma Adams
- 1 Kay Kripfgans
- 2 Jeffrey and Gizelle Frye (A)
- 4 Dennis Daniel
- 4 Dennis Jeffrey
- 7 Kellen Reese
- 8 Abby Jeffrey
- 8 Brian and Marianne Percival (A)
- 10 Jose and Maggie Del Rosario (A)
- 11 Edna Boyce
- 16 Julian Bayona
- 19 Virginia Yu
- 19 Gavin Longman
- 21 Robert Lin and Suzanne Schick (A)
- 21 Michael and Sherri Papamihalis (A)
- 22 Chris and Diane Santana (A)
- 27 Edward Geist
- 28 Noelle Lenti
- 28 Ashley Curran
- 29 Arthur Tasker
- 30 Chris Santana
- 30 Fisher Brown
- 30 Irina Rodriguez
- 31 Jane Thornton
- 31 Shalini Varghese