



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 2014

## *World Peace Altar*

Dear Friends,

On November 9, we will observe *Remembrance Sunday* with prayers for those who have died in war, those who have suffered the devastating effects of violence, and all those who work for peace.

November 11 is Veterans' Day on the civil calendar—a day of recognition for all those who have served in the armed forces—and is linked to when the major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Certainly both the civil holiday and the religious observance are born of the desire to raise the banner of peace and in no way seek to glorify war.

We live in a world clouded by the confusions and horrors of battle. Recently, the United Nations reported there are 32 different locations on our planet right now marred by active war. The United States has been engaged in 13 consecutive years of war in Afghanistan. We are back in the skies over Iraq and, now, over Syria. As a nation, at home, we do not come close to experiencing the brutality of war. However, many of our fellow Americans have died and many who have survived their service return to the USA scarred and torn, emotionally and physically.

The common parlance these days for returning veterans who have suffered injury is to call them “wounded warriors.” Not to minimize their sacrifice; however, shouldn't we first be calling them “our responsibility”? We have put them in harm's way and we must care for them and their families. Yet at the same time, we cannot overlook that the battles in which they were maimed have other casualties we do not see or number—children, women, noncombatants and, yes, also the “enemy.”

From a Christian perspective, rather than calling our service women and men “warriors,” we might do better to think of them as “constables of peace.” Whereas warriors wait for and relish the fight, soldiers serve for the good of a peace to come, and would be very quick to give up their soldiering for the work of building communities.

At Saint Luke's, we have a small altar on the organ side of the nave (where the wooden screen shields the organ console). It was the original, portable altar in the makeshift chapel while the church edifice was being built in the early 1920s. During World War II and the Korean Conflict, that altar was designated the World Peace Altar. Ours also has a tabernacle, which houses the blessed bread of Holy Communion—rations for those who would endure in the name of Christ for the Peace of Christ. Of course, every church altar is a peace altar dedicated not just to world peace as we might envision it, but to the cosmic *shalom* offered the world by the Universal Christ—a peace bigger and beyond our greatest imaginings, the reconciling peace to which we rededicate ourselves whenever we gather around God's table of bounteous grace.

Yes, in a world of war, “let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.” (from *The Promise of His Glory*, Remembrance Sunday Prayers, Church of England).

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

***Coming Sunday, December 14***

**A SERVICE OF SUPPORT  
FOR  
ALL WHO STRUGGLE  
WITH  
“THE HOLIDAYS”**

***4:00pm  
at Saint Luke's Church***

### ***Rummage Report 2014***

We are happy to report that our grand total of earnings for the October 4 and 5 Rummage Sale came to **\$14,845.34**, the best we've done in several years. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard and with such dedication, and to our shoppers – we couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks to Bill Stokes who once again offered an organ recital on both days of the sale so our guests could hear magnificent music in our beautiful church. Thanks also to Ann Espenschied for capturing the event in photographs, and to Father Tom, Lisa Duca, and Martha Garcia our sexton, all of whom supported our efforts and helped in innumerable ways.

*Louise Guinther and Debbie Smith  
Rummage Co-chairs*

Papamihalis and Mark Adams were great mentors, parents of the youth group donated both their time and treasure, and the bands that participated strengthened our commitment in providing for the needs of our fellow youth.

Most of all, we want to thank our parish for supporting us in all of our endeavors, and for giving us the encouragement, strength, and space to make such wonderful things happen! Stay tuned for our next big thing!

*Shannon O'Rourke*



### ***Outreach Backpack Project***

#### ***Benefits Coalition for the Homeless***

The Outreach Committee, along with the Youth Group, would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to Saint Luke's parishioners for their contributions to the Backpack Project for our Outreach Grant recipient, Coalition for the Homeless. We received many backpacks filled with school supplies, a box full of supplies, and checks and money totalling \$350. The Coalition's representative was extremely grateful and says they continue to receive requests for supplies for homeless children. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

*Velma Adams  
Outreach Co-chair*

### ***Rummage 2014 Proceeds***

Appliances	\$ 716.50
Books	1,319.00
Boutique Fashions	3,316.43
Children's Department	320.00
Coats	373.00
Furniture/Outdoors	460.00
Jewelry	2,024.00
Jewelry "Plus"	311.00
Ladies' Separates	830.00
Linens	648.00
Menswear	613.00
Snack Bar	1,673.00
White Elephant	<u>2,005.00</u>
<b>Grand total (gross)</b>	<b>\$ 14,845.34</b>

### ***"Rocktoberfest"***

#### ***Rocked Saint Luke's!***

Our first ever *Rocktoberfest* on Saturday, October 25th was a smash hit! This event was completely and utterly youth group organized and executed, and was the first event of many planned to create a safe space for teens. We had 84 attendees in addition to five bands with an average of 5 members each. These bands consisted of youth talent from the New York area, some from our own Forest Hills. There was delicious food, great music, and inspiring talent flowing throughout the evening.

Saint Luke's Youth Group is beyond proud of itself, and wants to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success. Adult leaders Michael

### ***All Saints Festival***

#### ***Sunday, November 2***

Choral Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

(spoken liturgy at 8:30am)

Sermon – "The Anatomy of Thanksgiving"

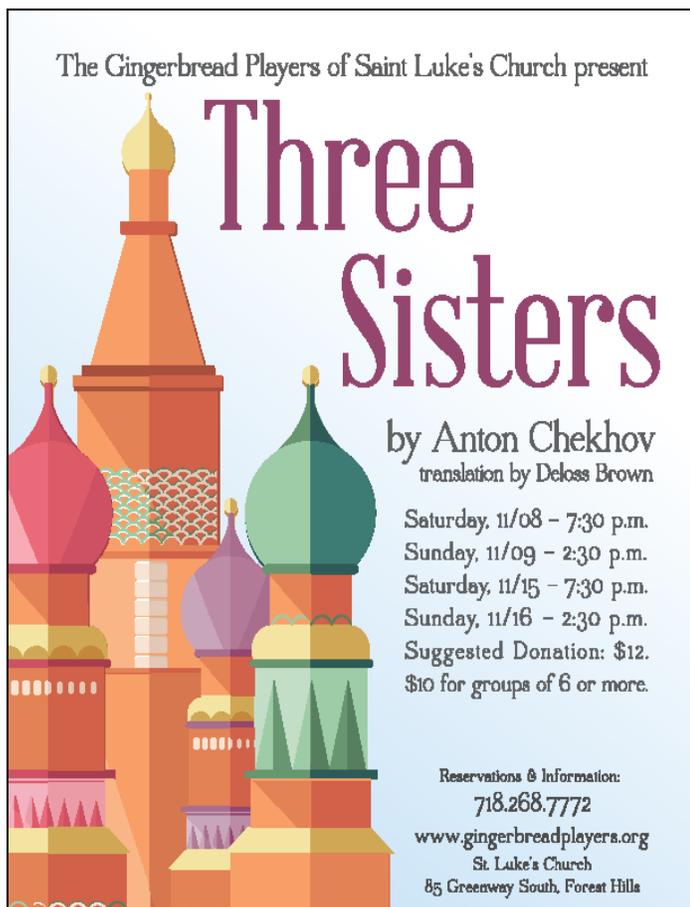
2015 Kickoff of Parish Giving Campaign  
with Parishioner Presentation

### ***The Liturgy of the Resurrection in Thanksgiving for the Life of Peter Cook***

We will celebrate Peter's life at 10:30am on Saturday, November 8. Peter was a beloved member of Saint Luke's parish from the mid-1960s to the late 1980s.

***Bakers Needed  
for Gingerbread Players' Production of  
Chekhov's "Three Sisters"***

Carrying on the Gingerbread Players' beloved tradition of selling baked goods at intermission, we're looking for bakers and sellers for all performances – Saturday evenings, Nov. 8 and 15, and Sunday afternoons, Nov. 9 and 16. We welcome all home-baked goodies, not just gingerbread, so if you can bake, sell (or maybe both!), please contact Pat Brownell, 646-831-2899 or [brownell@fordham.edu](mailto:brownell@fordham.edu).



The Gingerbread Players of Saint Luke's Church present

# Three Sisters

by Anton Chekhov  
translation by Deloss Brown

Saturday, 11/08 – 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 11/09 – 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 11/15 – 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 11/16 – 2:30 p.m.  
Suggested Donation: \$12.  
\$10 for groups of 6 or more.

Reservations & Information:  
718.268.7772  
[www.gingerbreadplayers.org](http://www.gingerbreadplayers.org)  
St. Luke's Church  
85 Greenway South, Forest Hills

***Fall Altar Guild Meeting***

On Sunday, November 9, the Altar Guild will meet at 12 Noon. Those interested in joining are also invited. Speak with Director Ann Espenschied if you have questions. The Altar Guild takes care of the church sanctuary by preparing for all services of worship and by maintaining the sacred vessels and vestments, as well as decorating the church seasonally.

On Sunday, November 9, the Altar Guild will meet at 12 Noon. Those interested in joining are also invited. Speak with Director Ann Espenschied if you have questions. The Altar Guild takes care of the church sanctuary by preparing for all services of worship and by maintaining the sacred vessels and vestments, as well as to decorate the church seasonally.

***Outreach Committee Meeting  
Sunday, November 9***

The Outreach Committee needs new members! Would you like to help the parish with our year-round calendar of outreach events and projects? You could volunteer to assist with a single project (from Thanksgiving Outreach Bake Sale, Jesse Tree Holiday Gift Program or Annual Outreach Grant education, to Mardi Gras Party, Lenten Project, Monthly Food Pantry offerings or the Annual Forest Hills Interfaith Food Drive). Outreach is about the parish reaching out to people in need. To be faithful to this Baptismal Promise, we need your help. Come to the meeting at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 9. Speak ahead of time with Velma Adams or Laudrey Lamadieu if you have questions.

***Diocesan Convention***

The annual meeting of the Diocese of Long Island takes place on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15. Saint Luke's convention delegate is Isabelle Smith; our alternate delegate is Anne Harte Su. We thank them for their service to the parish and diocese by being an active communication link who will report back to the parish following the proceedings.



***Liturgical Readers and  
Eucharistic Ministers***

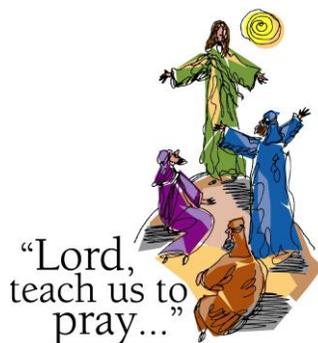
On Sunday, November 16 at 12 Noon, all current Lectors and Intercissors are asked to attend a short refresher session in the church led by Father Tom.

On Saturday, November 22 at 10am, Father Tom will meet with all Eucharistic Ministers—a session to cover both some refresher points as well as training for some new duties.

# Saint Luke's Book Club

**Thursdays**  
**November 6 and 13**  
7:30pm in the Narthex

The "book" — The Gospel according  
to Luke  
The theme — Jesus as the Teacher  
of Prayer



Come join in this book club  
discussion as we talk about  
how Saint Luke presents prayer  
in his gospel account.

## *Saint Luke's Inreach Committee*

The Inreach Committee is working to become more visible to the parish at large, and to gently help Saint Luke's family in implementing the church's ongoing ministry.

We reach out by sending birthday, anniversary, get-well and condolence notes and cards; schedule rides for parishioners when possible; visit those who are in hospital, shut-in, or bereaved; and distribute flowering plants to the home-bound on Christmas and Easter. And always, we pray for those who are ill, troubled in mind or spirit, grieving, or in any other form of distress.

How about you? Would you like to help? Why not start by mailing cards for one month? Cards are provided and postage either provided or reimbursed. If you're interested, please contact either Jane Thornton [fosthorn@verizon.net](mailto:fosthorn@verizon.net) or me [annelu@aol.com](mailto:annelu@aol.com). Join Inreach! It will do your spirit good.

*Anne Su, Inreach co-chair*

## *Thanksgiving Interfaith Service* *Sunday, November 23 at 4:00pm*

The annual Forest Hills Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is a time to join our neighbors, worshipping God as one community. This year's host is the Forest Hills Jewish Center, 106-06 Queens Boulevard, next to the post office. A time for refreshments and fellowship follows the service. Come and celebrate what we have in common!



**THANKSGIVING DAY,**  
**Thursday, November 27**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*with*  
**ORGAN AND HYMNS 10:00AM**

## *Kids Baking Project*

On Saturday morning, November 22 at 10:00am, Louise Guinther will meet with our boys and girls to bake for the Sunday, November 23 sale to benefit Coalition for the Homeless.

## **THANKSGIVING SEASON** **BAKE SALE**

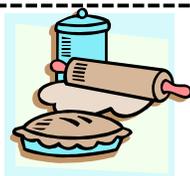
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**following both liturgies**

Pumpkin bread, cranberry bread, pies, cookies  
and more!

**If you can bake for the sale, please contact the  
office, 718-268-6021 or [stlukesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stlukesoffice@verizon.net)**

**All profits benefit our Outreach Grant Recipient  
*Coalition for the Homeless***



**ALSO  
PIES BAKED TO ORDER  
\$17 EACH**

Order forms must be received by Saint Luke's office no later than Friday, Nov. 21 and will be available for pickup at the church on Wednesday Nov. 26 from 10am to 4pm, or on Thursday, Nov. 27 immediately after the Thanksgiving Day service.

**ORDER FORM  
THANKSGIVING PIES**

**I would like to order:**

Apple pies  Pumpkin pies  Pecan pies

**Total number of pies \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17 each**

**Grand total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make out check to St. Luke's Church.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_



***Update on Project Haiti***

In a recent communication to Father Tom, the Rev. Frantz Cole, Priest-in-charge at Notre Dame de l'Annonciation in Port au Prince, Haiti, sent greetings from his parish to the people of Saint Luke's and thanked us for our assistance over the years in rebuilding their school, destroyed by the monumental earthquake of January 2010.

In addition to helping pay teachers' salaries, repairing the school building and purchasing badly needed furniture and equipment, Father Cole says, in part, "We are so grateful to your congregation which help us cover expenses like the sumbol of Notre Dame on the roof of the building, the stairs leading to the second level of the school, the pictures of the father of our nations, and the maps of Haiti...[which] are all tools to complete the

instruction of our students. They are as important as the salary. We want to express our gratitude to the people of Saint Luke's for their input to help us accomplish our desire to give a good education to those who are in difficulty. May God continue to bless us."



\*\*\*\*\*

***November Birthdays and Anniversaries***

- 2 Pierce Rosser
- 3 Matthew Santana
- 3 Maria Barbanotti
- 3 Amber Lai
- 3 Autumn Franqui
- 5 Shibu Varghese
- 10 Jyri Laatikainen
- 10 Kay and Wolfgang Kripfgans (A)
- 12 Jeremy Boiko
- 18 Emily Brillson
- 19 Thomas Reese and Earl Laio (A)
- 22 Carol Lane
- 25 Marianne Percival
- 26 Jean Tessier
- 28 Morgan Strawn
- 30 Janice Payne
- 30 Lisanne Ponce
- 30 Conrad Bachiochi