



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

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2016 Stewardship Campaign

Dear Friends,

Our *2016 Stewardship Campaign* begins this coming Sunday, November 1st—All Saints Day. This is a fitting feast day for commencing our annual pledge drive since All Saints Day is a celebration of how the people of God carry out the work of the church through self-offerings of “time, talent and treasure.” As in years past, we will have a series of three Sunday presentations by members of the parish, as well as a three-part sermon series. What will be different is the particular focus, not only for this year’s campaign but as we move forward as Saint Luke’s Church. So I look forward to seeing you all in church this Sunday as we “kick off” our campaign and reflect together on our intentional giving in support of Saint Luke’s parish life and ministry. The 2016 Stewardship letter will reach you following our All Saints Celebration. One other difference is that you are asked to wait to make your 2016 pledge after you have had time to consider all three presentations and sermons and then, to give your pledge by placing the completed form on the offering plate at the liturgies on Stewardship Sunday, November 22 (or to mail it in after November 15th if you cannot be present on the 22nd).

Thanksgiving Worship. We at Saint Luke’s find ourselves in more than one religious community. And this is brought home in a joyful way at Thanksgiving. The *Forest Hills Interfaith* leadership offers a wonderful service of prayers, readings and choral music, to which all are invited, on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00pm. This year’s service is once again hosted by Rabbi Gerry Skolnik and the Forest Hills Jewish Center (located next to the main Forest Hills Post Office on Queens Boulevard). The community interfaith service has become so popular, drawing in excess of 250 people, that only a few sanctuaries in Forest Hills can accommodate the numbers. Consider adding your presence to this year’s Forest Hills Thanksgiving. Then, on Thursday, November 26th, **Thanksgiving Morning at Saint Luke’s** begins with the Holy Eucharist and Hymns at 10:00am. Before you put the turkey in the oven,

“Come, ye thankful people, come” to the table Christ has set; and together we will give thanks for the abundance of God’s grace in our lives.

The First Sunday of Advent is November 29. As always, we begin the Christian New Year with the Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath. There is great value and sustenance available in following the religious calendar throughout the year. At Advent, for example, just as the natural cycle presents us with the darkest time of year, the candles of the wreath signify and remind us of the light which no darkness can overcome. And while everyone is making their lists and checking twice for Christmas presents, we at Saint Luke’s engage in our annual **Jesse Tree Project**, when we begin gathering gifts for Forest Hills area children in need through our partnership with the Queens Community House.

Yours in Christ,

REMINDER: Fall Back! Eastern Standard Time returns on Sunday.



THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 26
Holy Eucharist with Organ and Hymns
10:00AM

2015 RUMMAGE REPORT

Thanks to all 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 enjoy magnificent music in our beautiful church, to Ann Espenschied for capturing the event in photographs, to our sexton Martha Garcia, and to everyone who supported our fund-raising effort.

Rummage 2015 Proceeds

Appliances	\$ 346.00
Books	912.00
Boutique Fashions	2,527.00
Children's Clothing and Toys	242.00
Coats	163.00
Furniture/Outdoors	515.00
Jewelry	1,147.00
Jewelry/Gifts	331.00
Ladies' Separates	868.00
Linens	358.00
Menswear	442.00
Snack Bar	1,507.00
White Elephant	1,302.00
Miscellaneous Coin Adjustment	63.00 40.00
Grand Total (gross)	<hr/> \$10,763.00

Bakers Needed for Gingerbread Players' Production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Carrying on our beloved tradition of selling baked goods at intermission of Gingerbread Players' shows, we're looking for bakers and sellers for all performances (see schedule, below). Gingerbread is always popular, but we welcome all home-baked goodies -- cookies, cake, brownies, whatever you would like to contribute. If you'd like to bake, sell -- or both! -- please contact me at 718-575-1767 or lmf25@aol.com.

--Louise Foisy

Gingerbread Players present...



Mismatched lovers, a fairy king and queen, and a mischievous sprite populate an enchanted forest in the most delightful of Shakespeare's comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Dolly Guinther. Performances are Fridays, Nov. 7 and 14 at 7:30pm, and Saturdays, Nov. 8 and 15 at 2:30pm. Suggested donation is \$12, or \$10 for groups of six or more. For reservations, call 718-268-7772, or purchase tickets at hospitality hour after the 10:30 service on Sundays.

Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames

On Thursday, November 12 at 7:30pm, the Spirituality Group will discuss a book by renowned Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh. *Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames*, new, used and Kindle, can be ordered online. Everyone is invited to participate in this ongoing discernment of how to put into practice our Christian calling to be reconcilers.

Diocesan Convention

The annual meeting of the Diocese of Long Island takes place on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. Saint Luke's convention delegate is Anne Harte Su; our alternate delegate is Isabelle Smith. Thanks to both for their service to the parish and the Diocese! Following the convention, they will report back to the parish on the proceedings.

Fall Meeting of the Altar Guild

Sunday, Nov. 15 after the 10:30 Service

Just a reminder to all Altar Guild members that although the Altar Guild workshop originally

scheduled for October 24th has been postponed, we will still be gathering in the lower level of the parish hall for a meeting on November 15. Please get a quick coffee and a snack and join us.

-- Ann Espenschied

KIDS' BAKING PROJECT

Saturday, November 21, 10am to Noon

All ages from 6 up are invited to help make apple pie filling and learn how to crimp pie crust. The pies will be sold, along with other baked goods, at Saint Luke's annual Thanksgiving dessert sale.

To sign your child up or for further information, please call Louise Guinther, 212-769-7082, or email info@gingerbreadplayers.org. Donations of flour, shortening and apples welcome. Please let us know in advance if you'll be bringing something so we don't end up overstocked!



THANKSGIVING DESSERTS FRESH BAKED TO ORDER

Order forms must be received by Saint Luke's office no later than **Friday, Nov. 20** and will be available for pickup at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 12 noon to 4pm, and on Thursday morning, Nov. 26 from 10:45 until 11:30am.

ORDER FORM

I would like to order:

Apple Pies Pumpkin Pies Pecan Pies

Cranberry Upside-Down Cakes

Total number of desserts at \$17.00 each

Grand total: \$

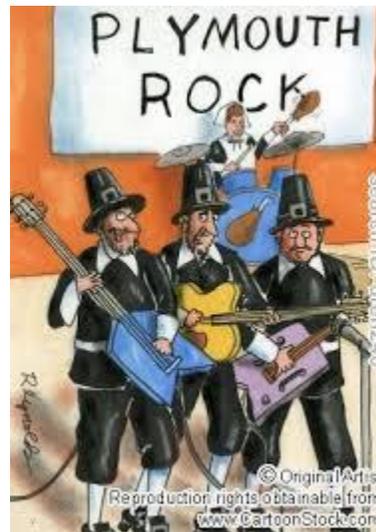
Please make out check to Saint Luke's Church.

Name:

Phone: Email:

All proceeds benefit our Outreach Grant Recipient
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Saint Luke's Youth Group presents PLYMOUTH ROCK FEST Featuring various local bands Saturday, November 21



**Doors open 6:00pm
Bands begin playing at 6:30pm
Donation \$5 per person, all ages
Snacks and beverages will be sold**



LOOKING AHEAD...

Deacon Joe

By the grace of God and the Bishop willing, Joseph J. Occhiuto will be presented at the Ordination liturgy at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City on Saturday, December 5 at 11:00am. The people of Saint Luke's—Joe's parish family—are invited to attend and witness the ceremony during which Bishop Provenzano recognizes for the Episcopal Church that Joseph Occhiuto is a member of the Holy Order of Deacons.

Then, on Sunday, December 6, Deacon Joe will be with us at Saint Luke's to celebrate his ministry at both the 8:30 and 10:30am liturgies.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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