



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

EASTERTIDE 2015

Resurrection?

Dear Friends,
Much of our thinking about resurrection is heavenward, in the sense of end-of-time fulfillment. But there is a book by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu entitled *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*. The book includes accounts of the racist apartheid system which former Anglican Archbishop Tutu of Cape Town worked so hard, in the aftermath, to overcome through processes of forgiveness rather than retaliation. Mpho Tutu, also a priest, is working on a doctorate in forgiveness studies.

The Resurrection is an exercise in forgiveness and the Tutu book suggests how justice needs to be restorative rather than retributive. Restorative justice, the Tutus write, is the way of Jesus and is based on the assumption that no act is unforgivable, no person unredeemable.

This is certainly an aspect of Resurrection, calling for our consideration. I "bookmark" it now because it will be our book to read for this summer's "Adult Vacation Bible School" August 10-13.

Faithfully yours,

Baptisms on Easter Eve

On Saturday, April 4 at The Great Vigil, Julia Francesca Banci and Thomas Sidman were received into Christ's Body, the Church, through the ceremony of Holy Baptism. Please keep Thomas, Julia, and Julia's parents, Stephen Banci and Miriam Checo, in your prayers.

Coalition for the Homeless Seeks Volunteers

"I was naked and you clothed me...I was hungry and you gave me food..."

Saint Luke's 2015 Outreach Grant recipient is once again Coalition for the Homeless. This year, we hope to complement our fundraising by a focus on volunteering.

Hands-on help is needed in many areas: the Coalition's Grand Central Food Program brings food to hungry and homeless people -- volunteers distribute food, blankets and other necessities; First Step job training program provides gently used women's clothing suitable for job interviews -- volunteers help organize the clothing and work with the clients, guiding them with their clothing selection; volunteers assist the Shelter Monitor in inspecting more than 80 municipal shelters; Project Back-to-School collects new backpacks and school supplies for homeless children; the Holiday Toy Drive collects and distributes new toys to boys and girls living in homeless shelters.

To volunteer or to find out more about the Coalition's programs, please visit www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/take-action/volunteer.



Open Dates for Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like to memorialize a loved one or offer thanks for blessings received, the following dates are available.

Altar flowers: May 3, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26

Sanctuary lamp: May 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26

Altar flowers contribution is \$50, sanctuary lamp is \$10. Please contact the church office to reserve a date.

Friday, April 24 at 7:30pm

A Musical Evening of

*OPERA, CHAMBER MUSIC
and CHAMPAGNE*

featuring

**Olivia Smith, Soprano
and friends**



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Free Admission with Optional Donation

Olivia, a student at Mannes College of Music, will be joined by other young artists from Mannes and the Steinhardt School at NYU in a program of opera scenes, duets, arias, waltzes, including the *Liebeslieder Waltzes* by Brahms – and a champagne reception after the concert!

Although admission is free, there is an opportunity to make a donation, however large or small, to Olivia's tuition for the prestigious Sherrill Milnes VOICEperience program this summer.

***YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT
and Supper, Friday, May 1***

Calling all Saint Luke's young people! Come meet with Father Tom on Friday, May 1 at 6:00pm in the parish hall for food, fun and all kinds of table games.

***Completed Parish Survey Forms
Are Due on Sunday, May 3***

The questions on our Parish Survey are based on the Saint Luke's Day conversation groups that took place in Fall 2014, and reflect the common concerns of the six discussion groups. By giving your input, you are helping the Rector and Vestry to have a sense of what suggestions might be most supported by the entire parish, so make sure your voice is heard. Please fill out the form and return it to church no later than May 3. Survey results will be presented at a parish forum during hospitality hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

Sunday, May 3 is "Food Sunday"

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect contributions of non-perishable, nourishing food for the Queens Community House emergency pantry. Please bring your donations on May 3 and leave them in the narthex. Remember, food must be packaged in plastic or boxes – NO glass jars or bottles. Also, please check the expiration date to make sure the item is still good.

***ASCENSION DAY
Thursday, May 14***



All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day at 7:30pm with Holy Eucharist and hymns, followed by a Strawberry Shortcake social.

Are You Prepared for a Moving Experience?

Ready, willing and able-bodied people are needed to help move items out of the attic and into the parish hall in preparation for the installation of air conditioning. Didn't know Saint Luke's had an attic? Why not show up and discover new territory? Dates are Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21 and Saturday morning, May 23. Daytime and evening hours will be scheduled depending on volunteers' availability.



IMAGINAUCTION

WINE RECEPTION
HORS D'OEUVRES
GOURMET DINNER
RAFFLES
SILENT AUCTION
* LIVE AUCTION

DANCING TO A LIVE BAND

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

85 Greenway South 718—268—6021

Forest Hills, NY 11375

www.stlukesforesthills.org



DON'T MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

TICKETS: \$50 AFTER APRIL 26, TICKETS \$55

**There's Still (a little) Time to Share Your Talents at
Saint Luke's Fabulous
IMAGINAUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 16**

Besides being a gala evening of dining, dancing, and socializing, the annual Imaginauction is Saint Luke's major fundraiser. Each year, among the most popular items to be auctioned off are services donated by parishioners – Pie of the Month, Babysitting, Tea at the Rectory, Public Speaking Classes, etc.

Do you cook, sew, paint, knit, teach? Do you have a talent or skill that you would be willing to offer for auction to benefit Saint Luke's? If so, please contact Imaginauction co-chairs Velma Adams (velma.adams1@gmail.com, 718-969-4657) or Jean Tessier (917-596-3899, jtessier1126@hotmail.com) ASAP. Also, contact Jean or Velma if you have items you can donate to be auctioned off.

RESERVATIONS

Seating for this festive event is extremely limited, so be sure to make your reservations *soon* by sending the form attached to your invitation along with a check made out to Saint Luke's with *Imaginauction* on the memo line. If the office receives your reservation by April 26, the cost is only \$50.00 – after the 26th, it goes up to \$55.00.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Considering that Imaginauction raffle prizes are always worth their weight in gold, the tickets are ridiculously cheap -- \$5.00 per ticket, or 5 for \$20.00. This year's offerings:

\$200.00 Nordstrom's Gift Card

\$225.00 Pandora Jewelry Gift Card

\$250.00 Sephora Gift Card.

Tickets will be available in the narthex and at hospitality hour on upcoming Sundays; April 26, May 3 and May 10.



***The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 24 at 10:30am***

***Festive Choral Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Gospel in Many Tongues***

Can you speak a language other than English?
Would you like to say a few lines of the Gospel? If so, please speak to Father Tom so we can celebrate Pentecost in many languages.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Nathan Lai
- 2 Diane Santana
- 3 Wayne Baxter
- 4 Christopher Curran
- 4 Kevin Keating
- 5 Alice and David Chodkowski (A)
- 6 Margaret Schotte
- 7 Mollie Smith
- 8 Theresa O'Rourke
- 9 Gary Carldon
- 10 Peter and Joan Wang (A)
- 12 Sophia Mercado
- 14 Elizabeth Cibroski
- 15 Kalithea Bowman
- 17 Carlos Ponce
- 18 Julia Khan
- 20 Oscar Morón
- 20 Marlowe Curran
- 21 Freya Butler
- 21 David Smith
- 25 Barbara Gratz
- 25 Thomas Saver
- 25 Emily Taylor
- 28 Tyson and Titcha Ho (A)
- 30 Maria Ryding

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Barbara Stokes
- 5 Margaret Dippel
- 8 Rebecca Santana
- 11 Cristina and Annelise Rodriguez
- 12 Suzanne Schick-Lin
- 13 Linda Portz
- 14 Spencer Lewis Schotte Hanson
- 14 Juliet Grace Schotte Hanson
- 14 Catalina Keating
- 17 Claire Dippel
- 17 Margaret Rowley
- 20 Kevin and Evette Keating (A)
- 26 Louise Guinther
- 26 Joanna Guinther
- 29 Micaela Brown
- 31 Elise Lai