



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

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Amazing Free Give-Away!

Hmm... I apologize for the fabricated headline. However, now that I have your attention, please read on. I'll keep it brief.

Nobody really likes meetings, right? And everybody looks forward to the relaxation of their Sunday afternoons. So that's two major reasons for not putting the Annual Parish Meeting on your personal calendar. But I am asking you to come anyway.

Here are a few reasons to attend:

- You are already in church when the meeting begins at the 10:30am liturgy.
- You don't have to sit through a sermon and the Rector's Annual Report to the Parish. I do two-in-one.
- We have a rich, varied worship and program life at Saint Luke's. Once a year, we need to take a time-out to make certain we are covering concerns and aspirations that will keep our parish vibrant.
- Each year, we have a very streamlined Annual Meeting model: no excess verbiage.
- This year, we will be even more streamlined: both in the liturgy and

meeting, so as to maximize discussion time.

And here's what we need to discuss:

- Parishioner help with our ministries and programs;
- Resources required for funding Saint Luke's Mission.

To make it easier for all to attend:

- Nursery Care will be extended through the meeting time;
- Discussion will stay focused;
- As always, you won't need to worry about lunch. A great pot-luck meal follows.



So please mark your calendars:

***SAINT LUKE'S
2016 ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 AT
10:30AM***

Thanks!

About That Great Pot-luck Meal...

It's up to all of us to provide dishes to share, so please sign up on the forms provided in the narthex and parish hall, indicating how many people will be coming with you and what you'll bring -- main dish, side, salad or dessert.

Nominating Committee

At the Annual Meeting on January 24, the Nominating Committee, composed of Velma Adams (chairperson), Alison Hagge (parishioner-at-large) and Jyri Laatikainen (Vestry), will present the slate of candidates to fill the following Vestry positions:

- 1 Warden (2-year term)
- 4 Vestry (3-year terms each)

The Warden whose term expires is Brian Percival (eligible for re-election), Vestry members Louise Foisy and Karen VanWestering (ineligible for re-election, having served two consecutive terms), and Michael Papamihailis and Suzanne Schick, (both eligible for re-election).

Qualifications for Vestry membership include being at least 16 to 18 years of age, baptized, and active in and supportive of parish life and ministry for at least the past year.



***2016 Outreach Grant:
HOUR CHILDREN***

The mission of *Our Children*, based in Long Island City, is to help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin the community, reunify with their families, and build healthy, independent and secure lives. The name of the organization refers to the important *hours* that shape the lives of

children with an incarcerated mother -- the *hour* of the mother's arrest, the *hour* of their visit to her in prison, and the *hour* of her release.

Hour Children provides incarcerated women with compassionate and comprehensive services such as tutoring, job education and help finding work when they are released. For their children, the organization offers counseling, tutoring, and mentoring. Other services provided by *Hour Children* include a food pantry and help for the mothers in finding stable and affordable housing. They also collect donations of art materials, books, musical instruments, business clothing, bedding, items for babies and children, and much more.

Please be generous in your support of this extremely vital program that encourages all to live and interact with dignity and respect.

***Hour Children's Motto:
Love Makes the Difference***

**The Gingerbread Players
present**



WINGS OF SONG

featuring

MARKUS KAITILA,

pianist

performing works by

Beethoven, Bach, Chopin and Liszt

Sunday, January 10 at 3:00pm

Suggested donation \$12, seniors and students \$10

New Year's Greetings from Switzerland!

A number of years ago Nadiya Dzyubynska, a young woman from Ukraine, moved to Forest Hills with her husband and children. Nadiya has a lovely soprano voice, and she

soon joined Saint Luke's choir and became active in Gingerbread Players.

She and her family now live in Switzerland, and in a recent letter to the Guinther family with whom she has kept in touch, Nadiya writes, "Recently I saw the website of St. Luke's Church and the pages where people from the parish tell about the most wonderful things that happened to them at St. Luke's. I want to say that I am very grateful for the experience that I got there -- this is the place where from my first days in New York I felt welcome and among friends, even though I was a foreigner.... I will never forget your choir and the Gingerbread Players -- I can say that singing with you was one of the most wonderful things that happened in my life. I realized that a church can be not only a place for praying, but also a family and a place that brings together people with similar interests."



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Chris and Claire Dippel (A)
- 5 Tess Conte
- 5 Tyson Ho
- 6 Florence Amato
- 6 Titcha Ho
- 7 Sal Amato
- 7 Devin Smith
- 8 Michelle Kasper
- 11 Alex Torstricw
- 12 Nancy Northrup
- 13 Anthony Lenti
- 14 Kim Ouellette
- 14 Alice Chodkowski
- 15 Kaden Zacarias

- 19 Ann Chamberlain
- 19 Andrew Dinan
- 21 Zoe Smith
- 21 Michael Riley
- 22 Lara Wang
- 22 Helen Wang
- 24 Kai Laatikainen
- 24 Evette Keating
- 27 James Jonah
- 28 Corinna Schotte Hanson

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