



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

JULY - AUGUST 2016

YOU Help Bring Christ to People

Dear Friends,

There are so many things we do in our parish community. But what is it all about?

The congregation is the local expression of the presence of Christ in the world.

Whether we are considering gun violence, poverty and hunger, the too-often forgotten elderly, or our children and youth who have busy sports schedules on Sunday mornings, the congregation is first and foremost engaged in bringing down walls (be they of indifference, ignorance or hostility) and becoming connectives that foster reconciliation and peace between people.

The congregation is a people, a time, and a place in which the faith of the individual and the commitment of the church community are nurtured and shaped for our work, our vocation, of bringing people together.

"Reconciliation" and "peace" sound like such big jobs -- as in for someone else better equipped. But this is what the church is all about! It's our mission. And God gives us the grace, the Spirit for this work of the church in making the love of Christ present.

So during July and August, when you are sitting in the pew before the liturgy begins, or after you have received Communion and the music is still playing, take a look at the top of page 855 through the middle of page 856 in the Book of Common Prayer. Think of it as "summer reading," and we can talk more in September.

Peace.



Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp Contributions Needed

The Altar Flower Society letter has gone out to all parishioners and friends of Saint Luke's. If you would like to contribute altar flowers (\$50) or sanctuary candle (\$10) for a Sunday in August, please return the form included in the letter, or contact the parish office at 718-268-6021 or stlukesoffice@verizon.net.

Father Tom on Vacation from July 4 to August 3

In his absence, the Reverend David Gable will be with us on all four Sundays. **The 10:00am Wednesday Holy Eucharist will resume on September 14.**

For emergencies outside of office hours, please call wardens Brian Percival (718-544-5768) or Velma Adams (718-969-4657).



Saint Luke's "Bookstore" Reopens in July!

Bring all those books you've been saving and put them on the tables in the parish hall, then take home some that you haven't read. Pay what you like -- all contributions go to *Hour Children*, our 2016 Outreach Grant recipient.



ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE

Saturday, July 16 at 5:30pm

(Rain date Sunday, July 17)

**Hot dogs, hamburgers, garden burgers,
salads, beverages and dessert,**

all for only \$10 for adults

and \$5 for children under 12

**Bring a lawn chair -- better yet,
bring a friend!**

Call or email the church office to tell us how many people will be in your party.

Gingerbread Players Presents

Agatha Christie's

"And Then There Were None"

Saturday, August 6 at 7:30pm and

Sunday, August 7 at 2:30pm

Ten strangers stranded together on an island, each with a secret to keep, discover that they have been brought there with one end in mind - murder! Enjoy trying to solve this intriguing mystery, directed by Jean Tessier and featuring Andrew Dinan, Patricia Yeazel, Phillip Joseph and Terri Matassov, in the air-conditioned comfort of Saint Luke's parish hall. Suggested donation \$15.

Church-in-the-Gardens

Joins Us for Worship

Sunday, August 7 at 10:30am

At that time, we will welcome their new pastor, the Reverend Steven Moore.

Saint Luke's Worships

at Church-in-the-Gardens

Sunday, August 21 at 10:30am



Although July Has Just Begun,

THINK OCTOBER!

Before you go off on that summer holiday, mark your calendars and save these dates:

Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9

--Columbus Day weekend -- when Saint Luke's fabulous **RUMMAGE SALE** takes place.

Equally important, **THINK SEPTEMBER**. On Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11, the weekend after Labor Day, we begin collecting items for the sale -- everything from small appliances, books, gently used men's, women's and children's clothing through china, cookware, linens, jewelry, boutique fashions and that catch-all category, White Elephant. Collect articles from your friends and neighbors as well and put them aside until September. But please, **NO LARGE FURNITURE, NO GLASSWARE, and NO HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS.**

Volunteer!

Rummage co-chair Mickey Zacarias and I are looking forward to working with heads of all the departments. Why not join us? It's a lot of fun helping folks find needed items at bargain prices while raising funds for the church's mission. We'll announce specific collection dates and times in a few weeks. Meanwhile, to join the selling team, contact me at Anne1su@aol.com, or Mickey at mzacarias@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you!

--Anne Harte Su



FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

Monday, August 15 at 7:00pm

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on the church lawn, followed by a pot-luck picnic supper.

Saint Luke's Summer Spirituality Series

Monday, August 22 through

Thursday, August 25 at 7:30pm

"LOVE -- THE SAINT AND THE SEEKER"

Led by Father Tom, we will meet on four consecutive evenings, reading and discussing this account of film-maker Christina Stevens' compulsion to make a movie about Mother Teresa. Told through the lens of the author's colorful youth, her mind-expanding adventure will draw you into a consideration of your own life's calling and the transformative power of love. If you haven't yet signed up to participate in the series, please do so by calling or emailing the office. Copies of the book have been ordered for those who requested them, but if you still need a copy, you can purchase one through Amazon.



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Victoria Guzman
- 2 Phoebe Chui
- 2 Wayne and Sally Baxter (A)
- 3 Harper Curran
- 5 Amelia St.Armand
- 6 Camille Mashi-Das
- 6 Christopher Dippel
- 6 Carla and Andre Deazle (A)
- 8 Sally Baxter
- 9 Ann Espenschied
- 9 Shannon O'Rourke
- 9 Lisa Duca
- 10 Barbara Gratz and Lori Sbordone (A)
- 11 Emily Doherty

- 12 Camilla Chodkowski
- 12 David and Joanna Friedman (A)
- 13 Tom Reese
- 14 Andres and Kristen Lopez (A)
- 15 Jocelyn Zacarias
- 19 Olivia Smith
- 20 Isabelle Smith
- 20 Jennifer Hudson Phillips
- 21 Aria Ho
- 22 Ian Ryding
- 22 Elizabeth and Bryan Cibroski (A)
- 23 Henrique St.Armand
- 26 Matthew and Kathleen Bachiochi (A)
- 27 Blake Bermingham
- 28 Michael Papamihailis
- 31 Jackie Dinas
- 31 Frances Sergi
- 31 Heather Hanson & Margaret Schotte (A)

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Renae Francis
- 1 Thomas Reese, Sr.
- 2 Joan Harrigan-Wang
- 3 Marleigh Adams
- 3 Arthur Franqui
- 4 Paul Dinas
- 5 Dennis and Linda Martinez (A)
- 8 Deborah Smith
- 11 Carla Fodera
- 11 Lance Gambis
- 12 Jennifer Stewart
- 12 Jillian Smith
- 18 Jim and Ann Chamberlain (A)
- 19 Jack DelRosario
- 20 Joan Golan
- 21 Dennis and Abby Jeffrey (A)
- 25 Ditsapelo McFarland
- 26 Tom Boiko
- 27 Sally Hagwood
- 27 Karen and Jim VanWestering (A)
- 27 Blake and Heather Bermingham (A)
- 28 Dennis Jeffrey II
- 30 Jose DelRosario

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