



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

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## *Worship—A Sacrifice of Praise*

Dear Friends,

*“Through Christ, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess God’s name.” (Hebrews 13:15)*

We gather on the Lord’s Day, each Sunday, to give of ourselves in prayer and song, giving thanks to God. This is certainly a sweet sacrifice—that is, the fruit of our lips announcing that God is at the heart of all that matters in our lives; that no matter what (whether I am at Sunday worship giving thanks for what was a beautiful summer or struggling on the heels of what had just been a really bad week), I/we believe that with God/in Christ/through the power of the Holy Spirit we grow more and more into whom God would have me/us become.

Therefore, our worship is at the heart of our life and faith; and outward from worship radiates the powerful grace of God to live our faith more fully. Our *Sunday Holy Eucharist* is both our sacrificial offering—the harvest of our lives offered in praise—and our receiving the gifts of God: Jesus Christ in our lives, and the lives of fellow Christians as support and encouragement for our life in Christ.



There are other times for coming together in worship too. Our *Wednesday Morning Healing Eucharist* returns to the weekly schedule on September 14 at 10:00am. Our praise on this weekly occasion is for the healing power of Christ in the lives of people we know who are stricken with illness or confronting other challenges in life that put them ill-at-ease. Since this is not a convenient time for working people, we encourage parishioners to record names and healing requests in the book positioned on the narthex desk.



We also celebrate feast days of the church year. For example, on Thursday, September 29 at 7:30pm, our *Michaelmas Celebration* takes place in honor of Saint Michael and All Angels. In our science-minded world, angels might seem a curiosity, but this feast is highly relevant in a world so bruised and fractured by the words and actions of people; yes, we praise God for the

ways in which we receive divine messages of hope, love and call to action. Who are these messengers, but angels in our lives! Following the Eucharist, we gather for a supper catered in by an area restaurant.



Coming soon also, is our annual *Saint Francis Day* observance. This year, on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, in addition to the blessing of animals at 11:30am, our sacrifice of praise at both liturgies will rise up in thanksgiving for Francis of Assisi who was a man of peace striving for harmony in community. As happens in worship, when we offer the fruit of our lips in prayer and song, in “Amens” to intercessory requests, and in “Alleluias” for Christ present in our midst, not only our lips but our whole body, mind, spirit and strength are rededicated to the work Christ gives us to do as members of his body the Church.

Yes, worship is at the heart of our faith and life. Worship is the beating heart of our parish life. Let us gather together on Sundays and please consider the Wednesday healing intercessions as well as the two upcoming feast days for additional ways in which to offer your sweet sacrifice of praise.

Faithfully yours,

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***Annual Choir Workshop  
and Dinner at the Rectory***

In preparation for their return on Sunday, September 11, our wonderful singers, led by organist and choir master Bill Stokes, will participate in the annual Choir Workshop/workout on Saturday, September 10 from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Afterwards, to strengthen them for service during the coming months, at 6:00pm Earl and Father Tom will give them dinner at the rectory.

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11***

- ***Prayers on the 15th Anniversary of the 2001 attacks on America***
- ***Church School resumes at 10:15am***
- ***Choir returns at the 10:30 Liturgy***
- ***Candidates for Confirmation and Reception introduced***
- ***Pot-luck Lunch and Community Meeting follows***

***Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing Resumes Wednesday, September 14***  
Please join us in the chapel off the narthex each Wednesday at 10:00am.



## ***Calling All Hands!***

### ***Get ready to RUMMAGE!***

One of the traditions at Saint Luke's is the annual Rummage Sale, set this year for Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. It is one of the major fundraisers that help support church programs while giving the local community the opportunity to purchase needed and useful items at reasonable prices. To quote Boutique Co-Department Head Louise Guinther, "If that isn't enough reason to get involved, it's also a lot of fun, for shoppers and workers alike – a great chance to rub elbows with your fellow parishioners in a good cause and welcome non-parishioners into our hallowed halls. At the end, it becomes a form of pure outreach when we donate the leftover treasures to a worthy charity!"

#### **WE NEED LOTS OF PEOPLE**

#### **YES, THAT MEANS YOU!**

No experience required. Co-Chairs Mickey Zacarias & Anne Su can be contacted at:

- Mickey Zacarias: (m2zacarias@yahoo.com)
- Anne Su: (anne1su@aol.com)



#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

#### ***TRACK THE RUMMAGE PROCEEDS:***

Karen Van Westering is our event treasurer again this year. Would you like assist her in keeping track of the rummage proceeds all through the sale and counting it up when it's done? If so, please sign up or contact Mickey or Anne directly.

#### ***RECEIVING/COLLECTION:***

Volunteers are needed to help out on weekends between **Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, October 1**. We will be receiving items on Saturdays from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon and Sundays following the 10:30 service, usually until 1:00 p.m. All you have to do is help place the donations onstage, pass out receipts and tag bags.

#### ***SPREADING THE WORD:***

Flyers will be available in the parish hall, one to

solicit contributions, another to advertise the event. Take a few flyers home with you and give them out to friends and neighbors. Don't forget to visit your favorite dry cleaners. They may have cleaned clothing that was abandoned over six months ago that they want to donate.

#### ***SET-UP/CLEAN-UP CREW:***

We need help hauling tables and clothing racks upstairs and distributing clothing on set-up days and putting things back in order at the end of the sale. Packers are also needed to fill boxes so they'll be ready for pick-up when the local charities drivers arrive.

#### ***SORTING AND PRICING:***

Daytime and evening sorting sessions are planned for the two weeks before the sale. We want to make our displays attractive with usable items only. Every donated hour is appreciated!

#### ***FOOD PREPARATION:***

Jean Tessier will need contributions of cookies, cakes, and especially homemade treats during the sales weekend. Contact Jean for more information on what is needed. Note: Please identify your item and include a listing of the ingredients.

#### ***DEPARTMENT HEADS/SALES STAFF:***

A couple of departments need leaders, while others need more helping hands during sale days. We also need floaters to relieve our workers from time to time so that they can go to the Snack Bar or shop themselves!



### ***SIGNUP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND PARISH HALL***

Fill out the form, mail it to the office, drop it in a collection plate, or hand it to a co-chair. We'll get back to you ASAP!

**Bargain-Hunter's Paradise!**

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# Rummage



# Sale



**Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>,**  
**10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Sunday, Oct. 9,**  
**12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m.**

Vintage Clothing • Jewelry • Linens  
White Elephant • Books, Records, Videos, CDs  
Menswear • Appliances • Children's Dept.

**Lunch downstairs at our  
Scrumptious Snack Bar!**

Proceeds support the programs and ministry of  
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### ***Farewell to Gert Hounsell***

Long-time Saint Luke's member Gert Hounsell has moved from her Dartmouth Street address to Peconic Landing, a retirement community on Long Island. Her new address is 1500 Brecknock Road, Apt. 127, Greenport, NY 11944. Please drop her a line to tell her that she is missed, and that we hope she will come back for a visit soon!

### ***Youth Group Game Night Friday, September 16***

It's the first Game Night of the season, and all young people of the parish and their friends are warmly invited to gather in the Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:00pm for food, fun, and fabulous board games.



### ***Confirmation Classes***

Saint Luke's young people who are preparing for the October 29<sup>th</sup> Confirmation liturgy at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, will engage in a series of classes with Father Tom as follows:

- Sun., Sept 11 at 10:30am
- Sun., Sept 18, 11:45am – 12:45pm
- Sat., Sept 24, 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Sun., Sept 25, 11:45am-12:45pm
- Sun., Oct 9, 11:45am – 12:45pm
- Sun., Oct 23, 11:45am – 12:45pm

### ***Thank You, Summer Office Volunteers!***

While Liz Ramos, our Parish Administrator, was out of the office for vacation, as well as for a death in her family, a number of parishioners staffed the desk and helped with coordinating other aspects of administration. We thank Isabelle Smith, Jane Thornton, Pamela Grazette, Velma Adams, Brian Percival and Karen Van Westering.

### ***More about Volunteer Office Assistants...***

Would you like to help out, through a regularly scheduled rotation, by being an assistant for Liz Ramos? One to two hours on a Wednesday would be a great help—folding Sunday bulletins, sometimes preparing mailings. If you are interested, please let Liz Ramos know (718-628-6021) or [stlukesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:stlukesoffice@verizon.net). With three or four volunteers, each person's rotation would come up little more than once a month!

### ***Saint Luke's and Greater Forest Hills***

The missional activity of Saint Luke's Church, in support of children and families throughout the Forest Hills Community, is demonstrated through our partnership with two important programs: Angels in the Gardens Childcare Center and Thinking Cap After-School Program. The fall term for both programs begins on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the sixth year of our relationship with the childcare center and Year Two of our partnership with Thinking Cap. Through these two programs, Saint Luke's offers families with pre-school and elementary school-aged children needed care and support services. Please keep the children, teachers, staffs and families in your prayers.

### ***INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Wednesday, September 28***



**3:00 - 5:00pm** -- Volunteers needed to bag food

**6:00 - 8:00pm** -- Volunteers needed to distribute food to clients

If you're interested in filling either of these slots, please contact Lisanne Ponce. Her email address and phone number are in the Parish Directory, or you can call the church office and leave a message for her with Liz Ramos.



### *The Liturgy of the Resurrection:*

#### *Frances Sergi*

On Saturday, October 1 at 10:00am, a Memorial Liturgy to celebrate the life of Frances Sergi will take place at Saint Luke's. No one who knew her, especially her former students at Kew Forest School, will ever forget her. Her warmth, sense of humor, and inimitable way of expressing herself brightened many a vestry meeting, and delighted everyone with whom she came in contact. The announcement to the parish of her death at the age of 97 inspired a flood of loving reminiscences from friends and former pupils, which were passed along to Frances's family.

Her son Ted responded, "We cannot thank you enough for the cards, notes and messages. The whole family will enjoy reading these wonderful tributes. We are a very fortunate and grateful family for having had Frances in our lives. She had a wonderful life and she said so over and over again these past few years -- and ST. LUKE'S was a very big part of that "wonderful."

#### *Open Dates for Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp*

**Flowers:** October 9, 30; November 6, 13, 27

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 20

Please contact the church office to reserve a date in memory of or in celebration of a loved one. Altar flowers contribution is \$50 and sanctuary lamp is \$10.



### *September Birthdays and Anniversaries*

3	Vera Morón
3	Luke Dinan
6	Earl Liao
6	Julia Khan and Virginia Yu (A)
7	Dolly Guinther
8	Anneliese Wang
9	Kelsey Reese
10	Chandra Singh
12	Katie Laatikainen
12	Jeanine McPartlin
13	Benjamin Lee Callahan
15	Harrison Tyrell
19	Joetta Wagner
23	Manny and Mickey Zacarias (A)
24	Linda and Kenneth Portz (A)
25	Brendan Gieseke
25	Matthew Bachiochi

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