



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2016

## *Angels, Archangels and Tragedy*

(from the Rector's Michaelmas Sermon)

*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*  
(Hebrews 13:2)

Dear Friends,

From the World Trade Center to Aleppo; from the streets of Paris and Nice, to Charlotte and Tulsa: the dread plague of violence has robbed so many lives, and has taken from all of us some basic sense of confidence and trust.

Our six young burgeoning teenage parishioners came to a consensus during their most recent confirmation class. They do not feel Jesus Christ will come back at "the end of time" or any time sooner. They said, "Humanity doesn't deserve him. Look at what we are doing in the world; and this, after he taught us how we should live."

Hear what our sons and daughters are expressing. Even those we have managed to shield and protect from physical harm are suffering. These boys and girls, who on a good day feel caught between childhood and adulthood, are being sorely pressed in time and space. In our upside-down 21<sup>st</sup> century, can you hear in them a chorus, voicing faith in a God who they wonder might not like us anymore?

Yet, are they not angels and archangels from beyond our space and time, come among us, bringing back dimension and depth to living and dying, love and betrayal, our breaking hearts and vulnerable bodies? Since angels come primarily to guide or warn us, we need to ask if we are listening to their plaintive chant: the struggle of suffering goes on forever. Will it be resolved ever, even at the end of time?

This is not a cry of resignation; this is their awesome, angelic plea to rouse and awaken us. In them, we are encountering angels. Their wings and their glory are hidden; their voices are familiar as they speak of what has become the tragedy of everyday things. Yet, in their open expression of vulnerability, they are catching us unawares of the extent to which they are guarding, protecting and guiding us—these angels, these much too old 12-, 13- and 14-year-old messengers of God.

Will we recognize in them the Archangels, and hear in their voices a divine message? Like Michael, sent to our succor, banishing from us striving and hatred so that for all peace may prosper? Like Gabriel, sent to woo us mortals into allowing our bodies to become dwellings, temples, to the Holy Spirit? Like Raphael the restorer of the misguided ways of people; and Uriel, the light of God, cast as wisdom along the pathway?

If we wish to wake from the nightmare of what we fear has become this life, then we need recognize, even in the darkness of our times, the outlines of angels we encounter—Angels who are ministers of God's grace.

Faithfully yours,



### ***Marriage at Saint Luke's***

On Saturday, September 17, Judith F. McVarish and Robert A. Mangione were united in Holy Matrimony. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their life together.

### ***In September, Saint Luke's Youth Group Gathered at the Rectory for the First "Game Night" of the Season***



Our Youth Group meets on the third Friday of each month for food, fun and games, usually in the Parish Hall. But last month the kids said, "Hey, the choir and the vestry have great Earl Dinners. Why not us?" Great idea, gang. You guys are always welcome here. The next Game Night will be Friday, October 21 from 7:00 to 10:00PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a board game to share!

-- Father Tom Reese

### ***"THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS"***



***Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11:30AM, We Celebrate  
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
on the Church Lawn  
All pets and their people are welcome!***

### ***Stewardship: Giving Back to God***

We at Saint Luke's practice good stewardship all year long. And as the days shorten while we approach Advent, we are called to consider and

plan what we will give of our treasure to complete our stewardship practice. Do we make a financial pledge out of mere habit? Do we hold back our money, thinking that our time and talents are sufficient gifts to God?

This year our stewardship program will focus on giving from our wealth in joy and gratitude to God for all God has given us. Our goal is to have 100% of Saint Luke's parishioners participate in pledging. Before we gather our pledges on November 20, we will be thinking and talking about our relationships with money, our fellow human beings, and God at three meetings:

***Sunday, Nov. 6 -- Why Not Affirm Greed?***

***Sunday, Nov. 13 -- Concepts of Sufficiency and Community***

***Saturday, Nov. 19 -- Giving Thanks Workshop***

The meetings on November 6 and 23 will be facilitated by Debbie Smith and Isabelle Smith, and Father Tom will conduct the workshop on November 19.

*Stewardship Co-chairs Isabelle Smith*

*Debbie Smith*



### **RUMMAGE RECITAL**

***Saturday, October 8 at 11:00am  
and Sunday, October 9 at 1:30pm  
Performed by Saint Luke's Organist***

***William Stokes***

All are warmly invited to enter the sanctuary and take a brief rest from the hurly-burly of the Rummage Sale while listening to the beautiful, inspiring music of Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Schumann and others. Then, restored and invigorated, you are invited to shop again, remembering that all proceeds from our Rummage Sale benefit the ministries of Saint Luke's Church, including our music ministry!

**Bargain-Hunter's Paradise!**

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85 Greenway South • Forest Hills

**Rummage**



**Sale**



**Saturday, Oct. 8,**

**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.

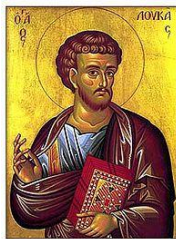
**Lunch downstairs at our  
Scrumptious Snack Bar!**

Proceeds support the programs and ministry of  
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## **Saint Luke's Sunday – October 16**

Everyone is reminded to wear **red** as we give thanks for our patron, Saint Luke the Physician. In addition to our Festal Choral Eucharist at 10:30am, we will mark the feast with a special liturgy in celebration of Christ, the Healer. Music will include an anthem by our Music Minister, Bill Stokes and a hymn by former parishioner Maddie Hogan.



## **Saint Luke's Night**

**Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30pm in the Chapel**  
**Candlelight Reflective Scripture Meditations**  
**Silent Prayer**  
**Holy Communion**

An alternative service of worship on the Feast of Saint Luke. Come and relax in the candlelit chapel. Quietly reflect on the three offered meditations. Offer your prayers in silence. Receive Holy Communion. We bless each other and depart in peace.

### **CALLING ALL TEENS AND PRE-TEENS!**

**Save the Date -- October 22**

**Save the Time -- 7:00 to 10:00pm**

**(doors open at 6:45)**

**You won't want to miss**

### ***Murder at the Copaluca!***

It's a night of open mic music and karaoke with a murder mystery show theme. Join the Youth Group as they act out a murder mystery scene set in the jazzy Copaluca at the height of the Roaring 20s! Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes and join in the fun. This is a teen and preteen **only** event. Admission is \$5 and there will be snacks available for purchase.

-- Shannon O'Rourke



## **Wings of Song**

**Bass-Baritone David Friedman**

**in Concert Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3:00pm**

Most of you have appreciated David's outstanding musical ability as a member of Saint Luke's Choir, Gingerbread Players, New York Opera Forum, and Forest Hills Choir. His Wings of Song performance will feature two great song cycles, Schubert's *Schwanengesang* and Vaughan Williams' *Songs of Travel*, as well as *Three Alice Songs* by Forest Hills native Bill Ryden, and selections from Mozart's *Magic Flute*. He will be accompanied by pianist Christopher Bradshaw, and will be joined by guest artists Olivia Smith, mezzo-soprano, Victoria Esposito, soprano, Cloe San Antonio, mezzo-soprano, and Alex Alexieff, tenor. Suggested donation is \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. All are invited to meet the artists at a complimentary reception after the concert.

## **The Rite of Confirmation**

You are invited to The Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We will witness the mature affirmation of faith made in Confirmation by our six young people: Tom Boiko, Julissa Capellan, Charlotte Dippel, Dario Fabozzi, Erica Ponce and Jocelyn Zacarias. We will celebrate with them and their families as well as with Jim Van Westering who will be received into the Episcopal Church. Then on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am Holy Eucharist, we will pray for and greet the newly confirmed and received.






## Looking Ahead...

THE GINGERBREAD PLAYERS OF SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH  
PRESENT

Shakespeare's comedy

# The Taming of The Shrew



*"Kiss me, Kate!"*

First Weekend      Second Weekend

Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 PM      Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 PM  
Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2:30 PM      Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2:30 PM

Donation \$15 (\$12 for students, seniors and groups)  
Reservations: 718-268-7772 or visit  
[www.gingerbreadplayers.org](http://www.gingerbreadplayers.org)

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### ***Bakers and Sellers Needed for "Taming of the Shrew" November 5&6, 12&13***

Audiences at Gingerbread Players productions enjoy the baked goods for sale at intermission almost as much as they enjoy the performance. To keep them coming back for more, we ask Saint Luke's fabulous bakers to contribute gingerbread and other goodies to be sold at all performances. Please let Louise Foisy (718-575-1767, [lmf325@aol.com](mailto:lmf325@aol.com)) know that you can either bake or sell -- or maybe both!



### ***October Birthdays and Anniversaries***

- 1      Velma Adams
- 1      Kay Kripfgans
- 3      Andres Lopes
- 3      Dennis Daniel
- 3      Dennis Jeffrey
- 6      Siew and Andrea Kwok (A)
- 7      Kellen Reese
- 8      Abby Jeffrey
- 8      Brian and Marianne Percival (A)
- 10     José and Maggie DelRosario (A)
- 10     George Matassov
- 11     Terri Matassov
- 13     Heather Bermingham
- 19     Virginia Yu
- 19     Gavin Longman
- 21     Bob Lin and Suzanne Schick (A)
- 21     Michael and Sherri Papamihalis (A)
- 22     Chris and Diane Santana (A)
- 27     Ed Geist
- 28     Noelle Lenti
- 28     Ashley Curran
- 29     Julia Francesca Banci
- 30     Chris Santana
- 30     Fisher Brown
- 30     Irina Rodriguez
- 31     Jane Thornton
- 31     Shalini Varghese

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