



**MARCH 2017**

### *Back to Basics*

Lent is not a season of extraordinary or onerous tasks. Rather, as made clear on Ash Wednesday, Lent is the annual reminder calling us back to the basics of our life together as Christians. What are these practices? Prayer, Study, Community, and going out beyond our community in order to touch the lives of people in need. These are the basic activities of Christians the year round, and Lent is the time to renew our engagement with Jesus Christ through the Church. Each Lenten season, the basics are specially presented so that all members can develop and adopt an exercise schedule of sorts so as to become more active through a spiritual lifestyle. So please do consider making good use of Lent -- a new and holy beginning for all of us.

**PRAYER.** On the first Sunday in Lent, we sing The Great Litany, a prayer form which combines our greatest hopes for following in the path of Christ while also admitting the extent to which we fall short of what God intends for us. Yet, as with all Christian prayer, even as we are honest about our grievous faults, we become more aware of the promise of God to help us. This year, in our regular Sunday worship, we will employ the idiom of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer to celebrate the Holy Eucharist through older language forms which may be new to many people and thus help us appreciate the richness of celebration of thanksgiving anew. Parishioners are also encouraged during Lent to consider the Wednesday 10:00am offering of Morning Prayer or the 7:00pm Holy Eucharist.

**STUDY.** Weekly gatherings for continuing to grow in knowledge of the love of God are not limited to our church-school-age children. Why not consider the Wednesday evening Lenten Series?

**COMMUNITY.** The fellowship of our Wednesday evening series, not only the book discussions but the informal conversation during our soup and salad suppers, deepens the bonds between members of Saint Luke's. New friendships take shape. And consider taking part in the Saturday, March 18 bowling outing -- a fun

way for families and all interested parishioners to enjoy each other's company.

**TOUCHING LIVES.** Our Bowl-a-thon on March 18 and Bake Sale on Sunday, March 19 are activities for our Lenten Project, offering aid to the people of Haiti who were once again devastated by Hurricane Matthew in 2016 when they hadn't yet recovered from the 2010 earthquake. In addition, everyone is encouraged to use a mite box to accumulate daily offerings for the people of Haiti.

The above is not an exhaustive listing of our Lenten activities, but the outline of our basic practices as a faith community reminds us all of the work we have been given to do by our Risen Lord. Each of us re-engaging with such a disciplined workout will strengthen our individual stamina and our corporate heart as the living Body of Christ.

Faithfully yours,



### *Unity in Diversity Rally*

The Queens Interfaith Spirituality Network continues to take shape. The goals of mutual support and understanding across the spectrum of religions represented throughout the borough has generated the interest and energy for a Queens-wide expression of solidarity and witness this coming **Sunday, March 5** at 4:00pm on the front steps of Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens.

Borough President Melinda Katz, along with faith and community leaders, immigrant advocates, elected officials, and Queens residents will stand in solidarity as one borough to express pride in our diversity, to denounce the recent upsurge in hate crimes in several cities, and to acknowledge those who currently fear for the futures of their families.

**Triple Baptism Sunday, February 26**

On the last Sunday of Epiphany at the 10:30 liturgy, we welcomed Hannah Josephine Tyrrell, Harper Liberty Bowman, and Ava Marie Young into Christ's Body, the Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Please keep Ava, Harper, Hannah and their parents in your prayers.

**Ash Wednesday  
March 1**



**Holy Eucharist  
with  
Imposition of Ashes  
7:30am, 10:00am and 8:00pm**

**Forest Hills Choir's 2nd Annual  
SPRING CAROLS CABARET**

**7:00 to 11:00pm, Our Lady of Mercy Church Saturday,  
March 4**



You're invited to support the community choir by enjoying an evening of delicious food, live music, refreshing beverages, community singing, raffles and games -- and all for only \$10 per person.

**First Sunday in Lent, March 5  
Great Litany in Procession  
at the 10:30 Liturgy**

A presentation will be made at both the 8:30 and 10:30 liturgies about **Saint Luke's Lenten Project**, the work in Haiti of Episcopal Relief and Development.

**Bakers and Sellers Needed for**

**"Seussical"**

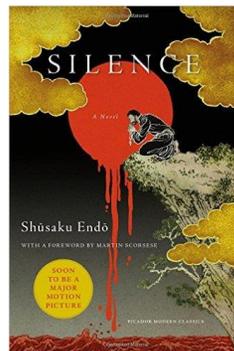
**March 25, 26, 31 and April 1 & 2**

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 tell Louise Foisy (718-575-1767, lmf325@aol.com) if you can either bake or sell -- or maybe both!

**Saint Luke's Annual Lenten Series  
Begins Wednesday, March 8**

**7:00pm Holy Eucharist, 7:30pm Simple Supper,  
8:10pm Program**

The movie *Silence*, directed by Martin Scorsese, is based on the novel by Shusaku Endo set in 17th century Japan. Two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to a country hostile to their religion. We will discuss the novel at our Lenten Series program. No more copies are available at church, but you can order the book through Amazon.



**The Lenten Series meets Wed. March 8 and 15;  
Thurs. March 23; Wed. March 29;  
and Wed. April 5.**

**Youth Group Game Night  
Friday, March 17**



Saint Luke's Youth Group will gather from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the lower level of the parish house for food, fun, and board games. All young people of the parish and their friends in the community are invited to attend and enjoy the "luck of the Irish" together!

***Outreach Help Wanted!***

Lisanne Ponce has done a wonderful job as Saint Luke's liaison with Queens Community House, communicating with our contact there and coordinating volunteers to pack and distribute food from their food pantry to those in need. She will no longer be able to continue in that capacity, so we are looking for someone to continue this vital ministry. Any volunteers? If you're interested, please contact Lisanne at blueorchid1130@aol.com or 718-296-1029 for further information.

***BOWL & BAKE WEEKEND MARCH 18-19***

*to benefit*

***SAINT LUKE'S LENTEN PROJECT:***

***HAITI RELIEF***

***\*\*BOWL-A-THON\*\****



***Saturday, March 18 from 4:00 to 6:00PM***

***Adults \$20, Children under 18 - \$10,***

***plus pledge contributions***

***Please sign up by March 12***

***Contact: Emily Taylor 347-204-4548 or***

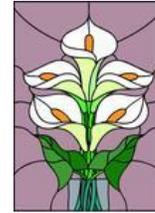
***erwtaylor@gmail.com***

***\*\*BAKE SALE\*\****

***Sunday, March 19 During Coffee Hour***



Our annual ***Refreshment Sunday Bake Sale*** provides another opportunity to support our Lenten Project. If you can contribute baked goods, please let Joanna Friedman know at church or at [jbg23@verizon.net](mailto:jbg23@verizon.net). When you bring your contributions, please label them with ingredients and your name. And if you don't plan to bake, just bring your appetite and your wallet, because you won't want to miss these goodies!



***Memorials and Thanksgivings  
for Easter Music and Flowers***

Your contributions, in memory and thanksgiving, are requested to make these expressions of joy possible. Please fill out the form below and submit it to the church office along with your contribution *no later than Sunday, April 9.*

***Easter Flowers***

(Circle one) In memory...

In thanksgiving...

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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***Easter Music***

(Circle one) In memory...

In thanksgiving...

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

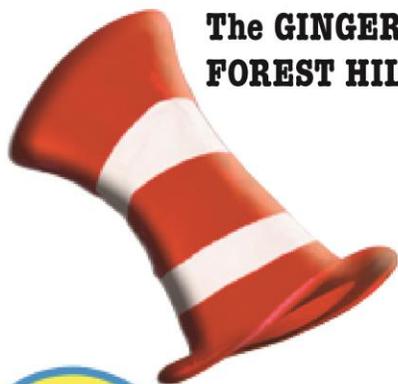
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Given by (your name):

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**The GINGERBREAD PLAYERS OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH,  
FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK PRESENTS...**

**DON'T MISS THIS MUST SEE SHOW!!!  
A TREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!!**

# Seussical

## **SHOW DATES and TIMES**

Saturday MARCH 25	2:30PM
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Sunday MARCH 26	2:30PM
Friday MARCH 31	7:30PM
Saturday APRIL 1	2:30PM
Sunday APRIL 2	2:30PM

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***March Birthdays and Anniversaries***

- 2 Maggie DelRosario
- 4 Nitin Varghese
- 6 Owen Bachiochi
- 13 Manny Zacarias
- 17 Louise Foisy
- 17 Wolfgang Kripfgans
- 18 Karen VanWestering
- 18 Kristen Longman
- 19 Sherri Papamihalis
- 24 Rowena Chodkowski
- 28 Luke Bachiochi
- 29 Pam Fuller
- 30 Susan Civita
- 31 Kathleen Bachiochi

***LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL....***

***Saturday, April 8***

***Fountain House, Our 2017 Outreach Grant***

***Recipient, Needs Volunteers***

Fountain House is organizing a 5K to benefit their innovative wellness program and are looking for people to help register runners and to cheer them on along the route. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole Palma at [npalma83@gmail.com](mailto:npalma83@gmail.com) for details.

***EASTER WORSHIP***

The Rector's Easter Letter will be coming to you soon via land mail, but meanwhile...

**April 13 -- Maundy Thursday:** Quiet Supper 6:45pm; Eucharist 8:00pm

**April 14 -- Good Friday Ecumenical Service** at First Presbyterian Church 12:00 noon

**Good Friday Way of the Cross** at Saint Luke's 8:00pm

**April 15 -- Easter Eve:** The Great Vigil of Easter 8:00pm

**April 16 -- Easter Day:** The Day of Resurrection; 8:30am and Choral Celebration 10:30am

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