



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 2017

## *Real News – Fake News? GOOD News!*

Dear Friends,  
Breaking News... Fake News... Real News:  
we are accosted by “the news”. And that  
doesn't come as news to any of you, does it?  
Heck no! So?

So, we people of good faith and good cheer are  
going to practice up on how to be heralds of  
Good News! I know it brings on Advent and  
Christmas a bit early. But I think we need a  
little Christmas, right this very moment.

*“News... News...*

*On Christmas Night all Christians sing to hear  
the news the angels bring...*

*News of great joy, news of great mirth...”*

Yes—joy and mirth. But you might ask, how  
can we sing such songs in a world where the  
breaking news is North Korea's H-bomb and  
the heightened, hawkish rhetoric all around; of  
threats not to renew compassionate protections  
for immigrant children now young adults?  
How can we? How can we not! When we sing,  
the world hears the news the angels bring!

So let's rev it up a little early this year. **My  
sermon this Sunday**, September 10, is  
designed to kick it off. I'm going to talk about  
**“Good News—How to Compose and Share  
Good News Stories.”** And then, all Fall season  
(on the church calendar, that's the rest of the  
Pentecost Season), I will, through my sermons,  
attempt to draw you in more to the Bible—  
God's Holy Word; the Foundation of Good  
News.

God's Peace,



## *More Good News*

September has arrived - a time of new things,  
new and renewed beginnings. Schools begin a  
new year and many organizations begin a new  
program year. Saint Luke's choir returns for a  
new season and we get going on some of  
our favorite projects and programs.

We'll begin another season of learning at St.  
Luke's with a unique event - a "backstage" tour  
of the church on September 17th following  
the 10:30am liturgy. We'll visit and highlight  
some of the features of our beautiful sacred  
space that welcome and enfold us in our  
weekly worship.

In the four years since we celebrated  
Saint Luke's 100th anniversary, many new  
members have joined us and may well be  
wondering "What is a narthex?" "How does  
the bell get rung?" "Who's who in the stained  
glass windows?" But some others of us may  
have some questions too. So our tour, hosted by  
Debbie Smith, Chris Dippel and Isabelle  
Smith is for everyone.



### ***RUMMAGERS WANTED!***

The 2017 St. Luke's Rummage Sale is set for **SATURDAY, OCT. 7 (10AM–4PM), AND SUNDAY, OCT. 8 (NOON–4PM)**. The sale, a long-standing tradition at St. Luke's, is one of our top three fundraisers and a chance to welcome the wider community, so we hope every parishioner will pitch in and make this year's edition the best ever!

We need sturdy bodies for set-up and clean-up duty, lots of help with sorting and pricing, bakers and confectioners for the snack bar and wheeler-dealers to staff all departments during the sale. We also need **contributions of unwanted treasures and plenty of shoppers**, so please let your friends and neighbors know about collection hours and sale dates. Details are below.

***SPREADING THE WORD:*** Please take flyers to hang on bulletin boards, slip under your neighbor's door, share on Facebook, Twitter, etc.

***RECEIVING:*** Donations will be accepted starting Saturday, Sept. 8; volunteers are needed to oversee receiving hours: Saturdays from 10 am to noon; Sundays following the 10:30 service until 1 p.m.

***SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:*** Our **all-parish set-up day will be Saturday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m.** We need strong arms to haul tables and clothing racks and distribute the accumulated rummage to its proper place. **On Sunday, Oct. 8, the clean-up committee** takes over at 4 pm. Again, we need the hale and hardy to haul boxes and bags, fold tables, etc.

***SORTING AND PRICING:*** Daytime and evening sorting sessions will be held during the two weeks leading up to the sale. This is the fun part — better than the Antiques Road Show.

***BAKING:*** Snack-bar maven Jean Tessier needs your contributions of cookies, cakes, etc., to keep the shoppers well-fed and happy.

***SELLING:*** Every department needs salespeople. Sign up for all or part of one or both days. We need quite a few volunteers for this job!

If you would like to volunteer for any or all of the above efforts or just hear more about how it all works, please call or e-mail one of the co-chairs:

**Louise Guinther:** 212-769-7082 (day), 718-268-6292 (eve.); ltg@operanews.com

**Maggie Del Rosario:** 917-767-1789 (cell); mdelrosario10@gmail.com



### ***Thanks to All Who Made Our 2017 IMAGINAUCTION Such a Success!***

And we mean *all* of you, not just our hard-working co-chairs Jean Tessier and Terri Matassov, their equally hard-working committee, and Saint Luke's young people who so ably served the delicious food. Thanks to everyone who contributed items for auction, bought items, dinner and raffle tickets, and made donations, this year's Imaginauction brought in a total of \$14,857.00 for the church. (A few minor expenses have yet to be deducted.)

Breakdown is as follows:

Silent auction	\$1357
Live auction	8825
Dinner tickets	3650
Raffle tickets	825
Donations	200

Thanks also to Imaginauction treasurer Karen Van Westering, who provided this information.



# Saint Luke's Rummage Sale

**Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m**

**Sunday, October 8, noon to 4 p.m.**

## **When You Can Donate:**

**Bring us your unwanted treasures — Books, CDs, Clothing, Linens,  
White Elephants, Appliances, Children's Items, etc.**

Saturday, Sept. 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 10, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 17, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 24, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to noon

**LAST CHANCE: Sunday, Oct 1, noon to 1 p.m.**

**\*\*Please do NOT leave items for the sale during off hours.\*\***

718-268-6021

[www.stlukesforesthills.com](http://www.stlukesforesthills.com)



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

In preparation for their eagerly anticipated return on Sunday, September 10, our wonderful singers, led by organist and choir master Bill Stokes, will participate in the annual Choir Workshop/Workout on Saturday, September 9 from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Afterwards, to strengthen them for service during the coming months, at 6:00pm Father Tom will give them dinner at the rectory.



***...But Todd Wachsmann Won't Be There***

Todd's prodigious talents as tenor soloist, section leader and assistant conductor of Saint Luke's choir, as well as his charm and wit, have given us great pleasure for many years, but now he's moving on. Having earned his Master's Degree in Music at Queens College, Todd has relocated to his home state, and is now pursuing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting at the University of Arizona. His friends at Saint Luke's and the Forest Hills Choir, which Todd founded, miss him and wish him Godspeed!



***The Good News Is ...***

***Saint Luke's Choir Has a New Tenor,  
Section Leader, and Assistant Conductor!***

His name is Michael Protacio. He is a graduate of Yale and Carnegie Mellon, and begins his new assignment immediately. Organist and choir director Bill Stokes is looking forward to working with him, as are all members of Saint Luke's choir. Please welcome Michael at Hospitality Hour on Sunday, September 10.

***Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
Resumes Wednesday, September 13***

Please join us in the chapel off the narthex each Wednesday at 10:00am.

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10***

***\*Church School resumes at 10:15am***

***\*Choir returns at the 10:30 Liturgy***

***\*Pot-luck Lunch and***

***Community Meeting follows***

Please use sign-up sheets in narthex and parish hall, indicating what you'll be bringing for the lunch (main dish, side, salad, dessert) and how many will be in your party.

***Youth Group Game Night***

***Friday, September 15***

All young people of the parish and their friends are warmly invited to gather in the Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:30pm for food, fun, and fabulous board games. The group is looking for volunteers to act as chaperones, and also for people who would be willing to prepare a simple meal for 6 to 10 people. If you would be willing to be involved in either capacity -- maybe both? -- please contact Shannon O'Rourke at [sevorourke@gmail.com](mailto:sevorourke@gmail.com).

***Special Children's Event***

***Sunday, September 24 at 10:30am***

The Holy Eucharist will be designed with Saint Luke's children in mind. A child-friendly worship bulletin (for adults too), a Liturgy of the Word sensitive to our children's aural abilities, and special Prayers of the People centering on the start of the school year will set the tone for the day. Father Tom also will present a Children's Homily. This special liturgy means that church school classes will not take place on September 24. Father Tom is looking forward to seeing all our girls and boys, as are all of us in the Saint Luke's parish family.

## MICHAELMAS CELEBRATION

Feast of Saint Michael  
and All Angels



**Friday, September 29 at 7:30pm**

Holy Eucharist followed by supper  
catered by a local restaurant.

The cost of the supper is \$15, \$5 for children  
under 12. To make reservations,  
please call the church office  
no later than **Monday, September 25**

### *September Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 3 Vera Moron
- 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
- 15 Harrison Tyrell
- 19 Joetta Wagner
- 20 Pamela Grazette
- 23 Manny and Mickey Zacarias (A)
- 24 Kenneth and Linda Portz (A)
- 25 Brendan Gieseke
- 25 Matthew Bachiochi
- 26 Laura and Christopher Nyberg (A)

*The Bellringer* is a publication of  
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church  
85 Greenway South  
Forest Hills, NY 11375  
The Very Rev. Thomas F. Reese, Rector