



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

MARCH 2018

Community

Dear Friends,
The Wednesday evening Lenten Series, which always seems to attract at least the apostolic 12 in attendance, always impresses upon me how much of a community are those who gather. Furthermore, I am left thinking that perhaps we need a few more ways to experience community at Saint Luke's.

One such event is coming up very shortly— Saturday, March 10 to be exact: a Saint Luke's Family Bowling outing. The late afternoon fun-time is not just for families with children but for all interested members of the parish family. Being a proficient bowler is not the point. Rather, it's an opportunity to roll up your sleeves and have a good time. You'll be getting to know fellow parishioners better, even if your ball is always in the gutter. And yes, it's a Lenten Project fundraiser, too. Read all about it on page three of this issue.

Another reality which the weekly Lenten Series has been underlining is how much we really do need community. And while we do have numerous community building opportunities through project-driven groups such as the Gingerbread Players, Lawn Brigade, Imaginauction Committee and more, perhaps we could benefit from a more regularly scheduled community gathering that is centered around deepening our faith— be it Bible Study, Book Group, a Speaker Series, or the occasional no-agenda potluck supper and conversation.

So be looking for "Wednesday@StLuke's"—a gathering, nearly every Wednesday evening

commencing on May 2 at 7:30pm. Let's start with a potluck supper and discussion of possible topics for the spring and summer!

May will be here sooner than you think. (Not to jump over Easter before Holy Week even gets here. But Holy Week is all about reconciling as One in Christ—Community.)

Faithfully yours,



Saint Luke's Lenten Project: PUERTO RICO AID

The damage caused by Hurricane Maria continues to impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. Thousands of people are still displaced; food and water are in short supply; the fragile electrical power grid is not yet fully restored.

During the Lenten season we are reminded that "love of neighbor" is the Gospel calling us to act on behalf of others. Your self-denial offerings may be saved in a mite box or contributed through a check to Saint Luke's Church with "Lenten Project/Puerto Rico" on the memo line, and will be gathered on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, on March 25. Episcopal Relief and Development will receive our parish offering and see to its maximal use in areas of greatest need.

REFRESHMENT SUNDAY
BAKE SALE

MARCH 11

AFTER THE 8:30 & 10:30AM SERVICES
TO BENEFIT OUR LENTEN PROJECT,
PUERTO RICO RELIEF



BAKE, BRING AND BUY!

Your contributions of home-baked delicacies and your purchase of those made by others will enable us to help fellow Americans in dire need.

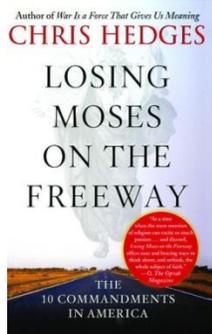
Contact Joanna Friedman jbg23@verizon.net for further details.

***Saint Luke's BOWLING EVENT Benefits
PUERTO RICO AID***

Saturday, March 10, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Come bowling with your Saint Luke's friends and support hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico! Location is Jib Lanes, 67-19 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, NY, and the cost, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 18, includes shoes and two hours of unlimited bowling. All ages welcome! Contact Emily Taylor erwtaylor@gmail.com or 347-204-4548 to sign up.

***Saint Luke's Lenten Series
"Losing Moses on the Freeway"***



**The 10 Commandments
in America Today
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, and 21**

Holy Eucharist 7:00pm
Simple Supper 7:30pm
Program 8:15pm

March 7: *The Family and Murder*
March 14: *Adultery and Theft*
March 21: *Envy and Greed, plus Epilogue on Love*

Even if you missed the first two sessions, you are welcome to attend any or all of the remaining discussions.

Youth Group Game Night

Friday, March 16, 7:30 to 9:00pm

The young people of the parish and their friends are invited to meet in the Parish Hall for food, fun and fellowship. If you have a really awesome board game you'd like to share, bring it along. If you don't, come anyway -- you're sure to enjoy playing the games others bring!

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Mar. 25 -- Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Mar. 26 -- Holy Monday Eucharist 10am

Mar. 27 -- Holy Tuesday Eucharist 10am

Mar. 28 -- Holy Wednesday Eucharist 10am

Mar. 29 -- Maundy Thursday Quiet Supper

6:45pm: Holy Eucharist 8pm

Mar.30 -- Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Saint Luke's 12 noon

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



EASTER LITURGIES

**Mar. 31 -- The Great Vigil of Easter 8pm
Easter Party follows**

**April 1 -- The Day of Resurrection
8:30am: Choral Celebration 10:30am
Easter Reception follows**

Pamela Grazette - In memoriam

On the Saturday of Easter Week, April 7 at 10:00am, Pamela's parish family will gather to offer both our grief and thanksgiving. We were saddened when Pamela suffered a stroke. We hoped and prayed that her transition to a residential care center would be the beginning of

her recovery, so we were shocked, unprepared for her death.

In the relatively short amount of time Pamela was with us at Saint Luke's, many of us experienced a joyful, deeply spiritual woman, happy to give of herself in any way she was asked. From usher and altar guild member to avid adult education participant, Pamela was always taking the Gospel to heart in ways that strengthened the souls of all of us who knew her. We hold in our prayers Pamela's daughter Kim and her sister Lorna. It was Lorna, living in California, who informed Father Tom that Pamela's express wish in the event of her death was that "a Holy Eucharist Mass must take place at Saint Luke's Church." Please join us for the Holy Eucharist with Hymns on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00am

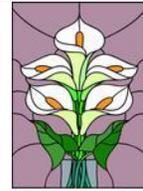
Saint Luke's Shield

Each year at the Annual Meeting, a presentation is made to a parishioner who models, in his or her own particular way, what it can mean to be an active, committed and joyful member of the parish. The Saint Luke's Shield is actually a small engraved block which contains the etching of the symbol for Saint Luke's Church. The honoree keeps it for the year, displaying it somewhere at home (perhaps on a book shelf, or in a home space of prayer and reflection).

This year's recipient has an illustrious life at Saint Luke's over the years: from participation in choir and various committees, to rummage sales, auctions and countless Gingerbread Players productions (including years and years of stage scene painting). The list goes on -- from way back when there was a Couples Club to most recently when even her leg cast didn't keep her away from worship or office volunteering. The 2018 Saint Luke's Shield recipient: Jane Thornton.

Thank you, Jane, for all the ways in which you model the joyful parishioner, and for all you will yet do for the good of Saint Luke's!

-- Tom Reese



***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, March 25.*

Easter Flowers

(Circle one) In memory...

In thanksgiving...

Name(s) _____

Easter Music

(Circle one) In memory...

In thanksgiving...

Name(s) _____

Given by (your name):

LOOKING FORWARD...

SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

Mark your calendars now
Gingerbread Players' Spring Musical

LITTLE WOMEN

April 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29



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March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Maggie DelRosario
- 3 Sarah Ann Young
- 4 Nitin Varghese
- 6 Owen Bachiochi
- 6 Patricia Gambis
- 13 Manny Zacarias
- 17 Louise Foisy
- 17 Wolfgang Kripfgans
- 18 Karen VanWestering
- 18 Kristen Longman
- 19 Sherri Papamihalis
- 19 Jim and Giselle Bates (A)
- 24 Rowena Chodkowski
- 28 Luke Bachiochi
- 30 Susan Civita
- 31 Kathleen Bachiochi

SAVE THE DATE!
SAINT LUKE'S 16TH ANNUAL
IMAGINAUCTION
JUNE 16, 5:30 to 10:00PM



Auction * Dinner * Dancing and more!

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