



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

APRIL 2018

God's Call and Our Response

Dear Friends,

We know that we simply do not “go to church.” We are members of Christ’s Body, the Church—here in Forest Hills as Saint Luke’s Church. You’ll also notice I didn’t write “at Saint Luke’s” rather “as,” because Saint Luke’s is not an address but an identity. We are members of a faith community, this particular parish, which is part of the Episcopal Church. But what does this all imply; what does it mean? What is the role of the church in each of our lives; and, as we bond together, what is the importance of Saint Luke’s Church in the wider community? At the heart of these and many other questions that we could ask are two linked core questions: What is God’s call to us through Jesus Christ and how does the Holy Spirit help us to respond?

As I have mentioned for a number of months now, all members of the parish are going to be invited to participate in small group discussions about these very questions and more. So please be looking for your invitation in the mail for these May-June gatherings. “Exploring Our Resources in Support of Saint Luke’s Mission and Ministry” will be the first step in an intentional self-review and vision process for our future as Saint Luke’s Church.

Following the spring small group gatherings, we will, in the fall, focus on a new approach to stewardship as well as becoming involved in a process of parish renewal and development being offered by the Diocese

of Long Island. Each of these three steps promises to be exciting and revitalizing experiences for now and the future as we grow in support of Saint Luke’s Mission and Ministry.

Faithfully yours,

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Successful Bake Sale and Bowling Outing on March 11 Benefit Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief

On Sunday morning, eager buyers quickly snapped up all the delicious home-baked goodies provided by Saint Luke's parishioners, and that afternoon more than a dozen adults and youngsters enjoyed bowling at Jib Lanes. The two events brought in \$525.00 for our 2018 Lenten Project, Puerto Rico Aid. Thanks to Joanna Friedman, the Outreach Committee, and Emily Taylor for organizing and spearheading these events!

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In Memoriam – Pamela Grazette Saturday, April 7 at 10:00AM

This coming Saturday, the Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated in thanksgiving for the life of Pamela Grazette.

Although she had only been a member of Saint Luke's for a relatively short time, Pamela touched the lives of so many of us. Pamela's friends are invited to join together with her family for the Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 10:00am. A reception in the parish hall follows.



**Forest Hills Choir
Presents a Program of Spring Carols
at Our Lady of Mercy Church
Saturday, April 7 at 7:00PM**

This is the FHC's annual fundraising cabaret and features a buffet meal and silent auction in addition to musical entertainment. Several singers from our choir here at Saint Luke's are also members of the Forest Hills Choir and will be performing at this event. For further information or to make reservations: theforesthillschoir@gmail.com.

**Imaginauction Committee Meeting
Sunday, April 15
after the 10:30 Service**

All are invited to sit in on this meeting to help plan **SAINT LUKE'S 16TH ANNUAL
IMAGINAUCTION**
June 15, 2018, 5:30 to 10:00PM

**Youth Group Game Night
Friday, April 20, 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. The group is always looking for adult volunteers to prepare simple meals for 8 or 10 people and to act as chaperones. If you would like to

help out, please contact Shannon O'Rourke at sevorourke@gmail.com.

**Bakers Needed!
Gingerbread Players' Production
"Little Women"
April 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29**

Carrying on Saint Luke's tradition of selling home-baked goods at intermission of Gingerbread Players' shows, we're looking for bakers and sellers for all performances. Gingerbread, brownies, cookies -- whatever your specialty, we'll be happy to have it. If you'd like to bake, sell, or both, please contact Louise Foisy at 718-575-1767 or lmf25@aol.com.

Confirmation

Please keep high school senior Carlos Ponce in your prayers as he prepares to be confirmed on Saturday, April 21 in an 11:00am liturgy at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.



The "Angelmoble" Explained

On Sunday, April 22, Deacon Joe Occhiuto will be with us to explain the work of the North Brooklyn Angelmoble food truck—a ministry of the Diocese of Long Island and our 2018 Outreach Grant recipient.

Mid-week Morning Holy Eucharist

The Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist with Special prayers for Healing resumes on Wednesday, April 25 at 10:00am in the chapel.



*Adapted by Dolly Guinther and Beatrice Grant,
with authentic music of the period*

1st weekend:

Sat., April 21,

2:30 & 7:30 pm

Sun., April 22, 2:30 pm

2nd weekend:

Fri., April 27, 7:30 pm

Sat., April 28, 2:30 pm

Sun., April 29, 2:30 pm

Donation: \$15 (\$12 for groups of 6 or more)

Tickets: 718-268-7772; www.gingerbreadplayers.org

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Looking Ahead...

**On Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 to 8:00pm,
Saint Luke's Church will be Honored by
Queens Community House**

The Annual "Celebrating Local Champions" Event of QCH will honor Saint Luke's not only for our direct work with them (Jesse Tree Gift Project, Emergency Food Pantry) but also for our work in community development. The evening of socializing and networking that takes place strengthens the Forest Hills bond with the Queens Community House and all proceeds benefit programs with the thousands of children and adults served by QCH. Reception tickets can be arranged at www.qchnyc.org/events (click on the drop menu "2018 Spring Event.")



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Diane Santana
- 3 Wayne Baxter
- 4 Christopher Curran
- 5 Alice and David Chodkowski (A)
- 5 Laura Grow-Nyberg
- 7 Mollie Smith
- 7 Maureen Biglin
- 8 Theresa O'Rourke
- 9 Gary Carldon
- 15 Kalithea Bowman
- 17 Carlos Ponce
- 18 Julia Khan
- 20 Oscar Morón
- 20 Marlowe Curran
- 21 David Smith
- 21 Freya Butler
- 25 Thomas Saver
- 25 Emily Taylor
- 28 Tyson and Titcha Ho (A)

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR...

- thy homeless neighbor
- thy gay neighbor
- thy Muslim neighbor
- thy black neighbor
- thy immigrant neighbor
- thy Jewish neighbor
- thy addicted neighbor
- thy Christian neighbor
- thy atheist neighbor
- thy disabled neighbor

Jesus didn't make exceptions.
Neither do we.

(Thanks to Deacon Joe Occhiuto for passing this along.)

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