



THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

June - July 2018

Commitment and Activity

Dear Friends,

There are so many ways in which parishioners give of themselves for the good of Saint Luke's Church. In this particular letter, I want to focus on how, just in recent weeks, so many of you have been gathering for the purpose of strengthening our parish life and ministries.

On May 4-5, the Annual Vestry Retreat took place. This year's theme was the Role and Responsibilities of a Vestry. We discussed the legal and fiscal responsibilities of a Vestry as well as the collegial relationship with the Rector in supporting the development of programs and opportunities for all members of the parish to grow in faith and live out our Baptismal promises.

On May 19 a group of parishioners traveled to the Diocesan center in Garden City for two workshops: one on Stewardship practices that help church members recognize, embrace and grow in the practices of giving for building up the parish; the other workshop on Discipleship considered multiple ways for inviting and welcoming new people into the parish and then assisting them in making good connections with members.

On the same day, a Saint Luke's team of two ventured to Brooklyn for a Diocesan-sponsored workshop on Grant-writing.

At the same time, and still continuing into mid-June, parishioners have signed up for "Conversation and Refreshments"—a friendly, informal gathering at the Rectory during which time the conversation goes in myriad directions, depending on the thoughts and experiences and interactions between those who are together. The basic arc of the conversation is about people's connection with Saint Luke's and thoughts and ideas about deepening our life together. By the time these gatherings conclude on June 10, 60 members of our parish will have spent time together in small groups, learning things about each other that

even some good friends never knew until these conversations.

All of the above—from the Vestry Retreat to the small group gatherings—are invigorating us for some intentional activities we will embark upon in the Fall. You will be invited into a parish-wide program of review and vision. We will take stock of our life together, the spiritual basis that motivates all of our activities as church, and we will envision what it means for the people of Saint Luke's to grow in faith and commitment.

This process of renewal will actually follow a Diocesan-sponsored program in the Episcopal Church called "RenewalWorks." At the same time that we engage in this program as a parish, we will connect with other parishes throughout the Diocese of Long Island who are also involved.

Our participation in "RenewalWorks" promises to be inspiring, eye- and heart opening, and fun. More to come later this summer and in the fall. Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

PS: Have a great summer and, when you're not traveling, remember that Saint Luke's is a summer place too. I will be away a few weeks in July and August but, as always, you will enjoy the leadership of Fathers Doubleday and Ogburn as well as the return of Dean Williams who has not been with us in a few years. And as you will be reminded in this June/July issue of the *Bellringer*, we have a June 10 Children's event, the *ImaginAuction* on June 16... And everything from Shakespeare-aoke, the Annual BBQ and the Gingerbread Players Summer Theater to the Acolyte/Youth Outing and our late August week-long evening Spirituality Series (also known as Adult Vacation Bible School). Also, don't forget that starting Sunday, June 10 we have Summer Scripture Study between the two liturgies from 9:30 until 10:10am. Be looking for the next *Bellringer* on or about August 1.

Sheila Miller Memorial Service

Saturday June 2 at 1:00pm

Sheila was a member of Saint Luke's for many years, active in the Altar Guild, as an usher, and regularly assisting at and contributing to fund-raising events. Having no relatives, she thought of Saint Luke's as her family and left a large portion of her estate to the church in her will. All are urged to honor our sister in Christ by attending this celebration of her life. A reception follows the service.



ImaginAuction

Saturday, June 16

The Auction Heats Up with a

Most Amazing Destination Spot -- GREECE!

Two weeks in an apartment in Palaio Faliro, a seafont neighborhood centered on Flisvos Marina, a casting-off point for boat trips. Sweeping sunset views, public beach 1 1/2 blocks from apartment; half-hour tram ride to downtown Athens. Two bedrooms, sleeps 6 with sleep sofa, full bath, full kitchen. (Airfare not included.)

You have to be present at the ImaginAuction to bid on this gift! Deadline for reservations has been extended to June 8, so if you haven't already made yours, do so immediately -- seating is limited, and you won't want to miss out on a chance to win two weeks in Greece!

Screening Mystery

"Looking for things human and divine in film"

June 6 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



Sunday, June 10

CELEBRATING SAINT LUKE'S

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

and YOUTH

at the 10:30 Liturgy



***Children's Homily and Church School
Recognition, followed by Potluck Lunch***

Please sign up today!

Forest Hills Interfaith Food Drive

Saturday, June 23

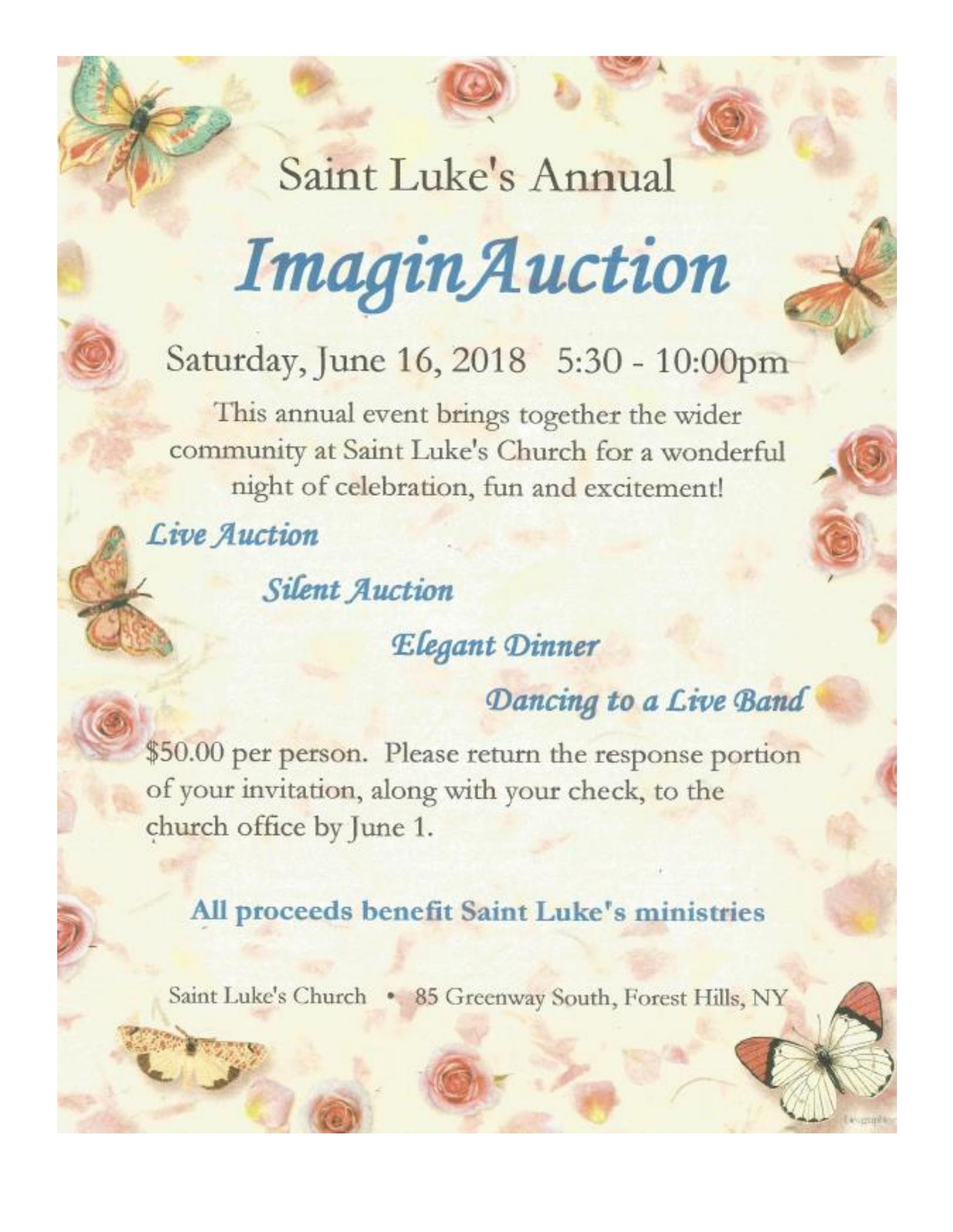
The annual Food Drive will take place from 8:30am to 2:00pm at the Key Food supermarket located at 105-35 64th Road, Forest Hills. To volunteer for a two-hour shift, please sign up any Sunday, or let the office know (718-268-6021).



Youth Group Night

Friday, June 22, 7:00 - 9:30pm

Every Friday evening the young people of the parish gather in the parish hall for food, fun and fellowship. Neighborhood friends of Saint Luke's kids are welcome, too, and adults are always needed as chaperones and chefs to prepare a simple meal. Contact Shannon O'Rourke sevorourke@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.



Saint Luke's Annual

Imagin Auction

Saturday, June 16, 2018 5:30 - 10:00pm

This annual event brings together the wider community at Saint Luke's Church for a wonderful night of celebration, fun and excitement!

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Elegant Dinner

Dancing to a Live Band

\$50.00 per person. Please return the response portion of your invitation, along with your check, to the church office by June 1.

All proceeds benefit Saint Luke's ministries

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**The Gingerbread Players present
Shakespeare-a-oke!**



Saturday, June 30 at 8:00pm

Are you a classical actor or have you always longed to be one? Here is your chance to give it a try at a cabaret-style evening of the Bard's greatest works performed by *YOU*. Go to www.boxoffice@gingerbreadplayers.org, or email info@gingerbreadplayers.org for further information on how to reserve a slot on the program. Registration fee for performers is \$10 each; spectators only, \$5. Elizabethan refreshments provided.

**SUMMER READING FOR ALL!
Saint Luke's Bookstore Will Be OPEN
July and August**



Bring in all those books you've been stockpiling and find some that others have donated to read over the summer. The cost is whatever you want to contribute -- just put the money in the Outreach jar at coffee hour.



ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE

**Saturday, July 14 at 5:30pm
(Rain date Sunday, July 15)**

**Hot dogs, hamburgers, garden burgers, salads,
beverages and dessert**

\$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12

Call or email the church office to tell us how many people will be in your party.



**Birthdays and Anniversaries
June**

- 6 Joseph Dinas
- 6 Erica Ponce
- 8 Joyce Egginton
- 9 Varghese K. Varghese
- 9 Martha Garcia
- 10 Peter Wang
- 14 Dennis Martinez
- 15 Shabu Varghese
- 15 Nicole Joan Ayala
- 15 Katie and Tom George (A)
- 18 Shirley Vickers
- 18 Kristen and Gavin Longman (A)
- 20 Grace Reynolds
- 24 Bill Stokes
- 25 Jim Bates
- 26 Bill Brandt

July

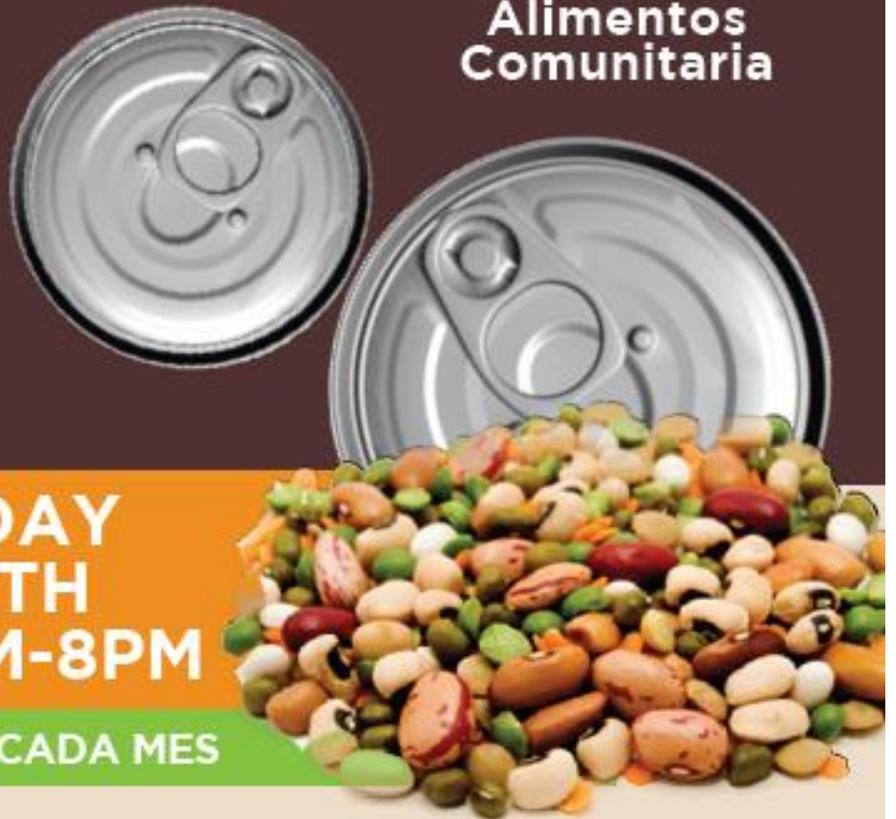
- 2 Phoebe Chiu
- 2 Ava Marie Young
- 2 Wayne and Sally Baxter (A)
- 3 Harper Curran
- 5 Amelia St.Armand
- 6 Camille Mashi-Das
- 6 Christopher Dippel
- 6 Carla and Andre Deazle (A)
- 8 Sally Baxter
- 9 Ann Espenschied
- 9 Shannon O'Rourke
- 9 Lisa Duca
- 12 Camilla Chodkowski
- 12 Joanna and David Friedman (A)
- 13 Tom Reese
- 13 Carol Young
- 14 James Nyberg
- 15 Jocelyn Zacarias
- 17 Max Matassov
- 19 Olivia Smith-Grugan
- 20 Isabelle Smith
- 20 Jennifer Hudson Phillips
- 21 Aria Ho
- 23 Henrique St.Armand
- 26 Matthew and Kathleen Bachiochi (A)
- 28 Michael Papamihalis
- 28 Tina and Carl Young (A)
- 31 Jackie Dinas



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER
IN FOREST HILLS!**

**COMMUNITY
FOOD
PANTRY**

**Despensa de
Alimentos
Comunitaria**



**LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
3PM-5PM OR 6PM-8PM**

EI ULTIMO MIERCOLES DE CADA MES

**Forest Hills
Community Center**
108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills

OPERATED BY:
Queens Community House &
The Forest Hills Interfaith Community
with support from the Food Bank for NYC

Contact Lisanne Ponce at
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