



# THE BELLRINGER

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK

September 2019

## *I Am Excited!*

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to resuming our regular schedule, from the return of our Choir on Sunday, September 8, the commencement of our Church School class (same date), and the "Wednesday at Saint Luke's" programs which will begin with a study of The Acts of the Apostles.

And more! I am excited to return to our focus upon Saint Luke's Parish Renewal Goals. On Sunday, September 8, my sermon topic will be "***Why I am Excited about Our Life Together as Saint Luke's Church.***" I will rehearse the broad goals shaped by our Parish Renewal workshop team and I will share my own personal energies and priorities for making those goals a dynamic reality in our life together.

In addition, on September 8 during Hospitality Hour we will have a Community Meeting in the parish hall to hear your feedback and questions about our Renewal Goals, as well as any other questions or announcements you might have.

Looking forward to all of us being together on Sunday, September 8.

Faithfully yours,



## ***Thank You, Velma and David***

Our summer worship was beautifully supported by the gifts of cantor David Friedman and "guest" pianist Velma Adams. Throughout the summer, our Choir Director Bill Stokes worked with David rehearsing solos which added to the spiritual focus of our corporate worship. And when Bill was on vacation, Velma gladly

stepped in to provide the musical accompaniment for the liturgy. We are blessed by their generosity of spirit.



## ***Annual Choir Workshop and Dinner at the Rectory Saturday, September 7***

In preparation for their eagerly anticipated return on Sunday, September 8, Saint Luke's choir, led by organist and choir master Bill Stokes, will participate in the annual Choir Workshop on Saturday, September 7 from 2:30 to 5:30pm. Then, to strengthen them for service the following day and during the coming months, at 5:45pm Father Tom will give them dinner at the rectory.

## ***Church School Resumes September 8***



All school-age children are invited for faith formation and fun at Church School as we explore Bible stories, sacraments, the seasons of the Church year, service to others, and the teachings of Christ through a variety of age-appropriate activities and discussion. Class starts at 10:15 each Sunday in the orange classroom under the nave, with the children then coming upstairs to join their families for the Eucharist.

We focus on key Old Testament stories in the Fall, moving on to the New Testament in the Spring. Kids are welcome to join the class at any point during the year, and are encouraged to attend even if it's only possible for your family to come to church sporadically, as each lesson is self-contained. Younger children trying out the class for the first time are welcome to attend with parents. There is no upper age limit; older kids are welcome for as long as they wish to attend, and are encouraged to take on a helper role. For children younger than Sunday School age, the staffed nursery is available during the 10:30 service. Please contact Emily Taylor at 718-456-9670 or [erwtaylor@gamil.com](mailto:erwtaylor@gamil.com) for more information.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**



**\*CHURCH SCHOOL resumes at 10:15am**

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

**\*COMMUNITY MEETING follows**

***Bible Study Continues Every Sunday***

From 9:30 until 10:10am, we sit around a table together in the parish hall. It's a brief session, but all summer those who have participated have enjoyed the ways in which we get into various conversations about the meaning of the readings and applications to our lives! It's informative; it's fun; and it allows a give and take/back and forth that isn't able to happen during a sermon. Come join us!

***Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing Resumes Wednesday, September 11***

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

***Two Sextons***

Our Sexton, Tony Vukel, is now assisted by Anthony Vukel, his son. Tony and Anthony share the hours and job description for a job well done in maintaining our church facilities and doing the countless set-ups and breakdowns of chairs and tables according to which group is meeting. We give thanks for this father-son team.

**WEDNESDAYS AT SAINT LUKE'S**



***The Acts of the Apostles***

**Wednesdays at 7:30pm**

**September 11, 25; October 2, 9, 30;**

**November 6**

What was life like in the Early Church? What of those dynamic days would be instructive for our life

together in Christ today? Please consider joining this discussion and study group. If you have any questions about it, ask Father Tom.



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***Episcopal Visitation – Sunday, Sept 15***

Assisting Bishop Geralyn Wolf will be the Celebrant and Preacher at the 10:30am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 15. Before coming to the Diocese of Long Island to assist Bishop Provenzano, Wolf was, from 1996 to 2012, Bishop of Rhode Island. And before that, she was Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in the Diocese of Kentucky (1986-1995)—the first woman dean of a cathedral! Come meet Bishop Wolf on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

***Rector to Meet with Parents***

Father Tom will meet with parents of middle and high school students on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> during Hospitality Hour. At this time he will explore with them the best way to schedule the upcoming Confirmation Preparation series that he will lead with our growing girls and boys. Father Tom will also ask parents for their input on the evolution and shape of a new Saint Luke's Youth Group.

During the fall Pentecost Season, the Rector will also meet with parents of our youngest children as well as parents of primary school-aged children. Those dates will be announced soon.

**RUMMAGE SALE**



***RUMMAGERS WANTED!***

Saint Luke's **2019 RUMMAGE SALE** is set for **SATURDAY, OCT. 12 (10AM-4PM) and SUNDAY, OCT. 13 (12:00 NOON-4PM)**. The sale, a long-standing tradition at Saint 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. 7 at 10AM; Volunteers are needed to oversee receiving hours: Saturdays from 10AM to noon; Sundays from 12:00 noon until 1PM. (*See complete drop-off schedule, next page*).

**SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:** Our **all-parish set-up day will be Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10AM.** We need strong arms to haul tables and clothing racks and distribute the accumulated rummage to its proper places. **On Sunday, Oct. 13, 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 and pricing sessions will be held during the two weeks leading up to the sale. This is the fun part — better than the Antiques Road Show. A schedule will be posted shortly.

**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 or just hear more about how it all works, please call or e-mail one of the co-chairs:

**Emily Taylor** 347-204-4548 or [erwtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:erwtaylor@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Hudson-Phillips** 718-263-0550 or [jhp.huphil@gmail.com](mailto:jhp.huphil@gmail.com).

## *Michaelmas Celebration*



### *Choral Holy Eucharist with Story-Telling* *Sunday, September 29 at 10:30am*

Saint Luke's annual celebration of *The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels* most often falls on a weekday. This year, we will keep the feast day on Sunday, September 29. This means that the entire parish will get to explore our special traditions: the Anglican tradition of parishioners bringing a bunch of flowers (seasonal local flowers—Michaelmas daisies in England) to adorn our worship space, and our own Saint Luke's tradition

of listening to a parishioner's story of having encountered angels since our last Michaelmas gathering. That person then chooses another parishioner to be on the lookout for angels in the coming year.

### *Recruiting Liturgy Servers:*

#### **Saint Luke's needs more Sunday Ushers, Oblation Bearers, Acolytes and Crucifers.**

If you would like to serve, you won't be scheduled more than once a month and you will enjoy your participation in helping to make our liturgies meaningful and joyful for all. Have questions? Speak with Father Tom or Worship Committee Co-Chair Debbie Smith.

We need the following:

USHERS (Senior Teens and Adults)

OBLATION BEARERS (Adults, Parents and Children)

ACOLYTES (4<sup>th</sup> Graders and up, including Adults)

CRUCIFERS (Senior Teens and Adults)

### *Brush-Up Sessions*

A series of short "brush-up" sessions for current liturgy servers is scheduled on Sundays during Hospitality Hour as follows:

USHERS – September 29

LECTORS/INTERCESSORS – October 27

ACOLYTES – November 3

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/CRUCIFERS –  
November 10



### *September Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 3 Luke Dinan
- 6 Earl Liao
- 6 Julia Khan and Virginia Yu (A)
- 7 Dolly Guinther
- 10 Chandra Singh
- 12 Katie Laatikainen
- 12 Jeanine McPartlin
- 15 Harrison Tyrell
- 19 Joetta Wagner
- 23 Manny and Mickey Zacarias (A)
- 24 Ken and Linda Portz (A)
- 25 Brendan Gieseke
- 26 Laura and Christopher Nyberg (A)



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***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:00am to 4:00pm***

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 12:00 noon to 4:00pm***

## **When You Can Donate:**

**Bring us your unwanted treasures – Books, CDs, Clothing, Linens,**

**"White Elephants," Appliances, Children's Items, etc.\***

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 8, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 15, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to noon

Sunday, Sept. 29, 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, Oct. 6, 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

***\*Please note:*** We cannot accept large furniture, holiday decorations,  
old computers, or glassware.

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