

Thursday Oct 13, 2016

**“Our mission is to celebrate God’s transforming Love in Jesus, by following where Jesus’ Love is calling us to serve the community”**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

- **Saturday Nov 5 Join us for Ascension Café Benefit concert 4-7pm. Tkts \$25.00 All proceeds go to support Safe Horizon for Battered Women and the Alzheimer of Staten Island.**
- **SAFE CHURCH training Saturday Nov 12 10-4. Contact Liz Orlando to register.**

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# Ascension This Week

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### A Reflection from Father Mark



Dear Friends,

It’s just over a week now since I officially became your “Priest in Residence”. I’ve been so blessed by the warmth of your welcome and am so encouraged by *your* courage to begin a new chapter in the life of this parish. It is an honor to accompany you as we explore the way forward.

As you may know, I negotiated for a year away from my religious order, the Society of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA. In my conversations with folks in the Diocese of New York, I let it

be known that I would like to find some work where there was a scope for creativity, as I put in a resume. And here we are! The opportunities in life to do something new, especially something new in the Church, are to be cherished. God is always up to something new: *“Behold I make all things new!”*

“Since my time with you is limited, the question I am tempted to ask myself is *“What can I possibly do as someone who is ‘just’ passing through?”* But isn’t that what we’re all doing? None of us knows how much time we have, really. So it’s never a matter of ‘just’ passing through. We might ask instead, *“What is the good I can do in the time I have, whatever it may*

*be?”* Or, *“what new thing can God do through me, through us, in the time we have?”*

Questions like these are a good way to focus our lives on what is most important. What is the good we can do for ourselves, our families, our parish, our church, our world? How shall God’s love work through us, now, in this time: as St. Teresa put it,

How say we be the “hands of Christ in the world” ?

I look forward to this next season of life together, this *new season*, as something new unfolds among us and within us.

Yours in Christ,

Br. Mark Brown, SSJE



*“Life’s up and downs provide windows of opportunity to determine [your] values and goals...Think of using all obstacles as stepping stones to build the life you want.”*

*-Marsha Sinetar*

## Safe Church Training

Will be conducted by Mother Claire Woodley, Priest of the DNY and principle trainer for Safe Church.

Ascension (Undercroft )

Nov 12 10- 4

To register contact Liz Orlando

718. 442.4187

Donations to help defray the cost of lunch are appreciated



And a good time was had by all! Pictures to follow in the next edition of Ascension this week. Once again Artie and Joan, Susan and Melissa led Ascension through a fun filled fun-raising evening. The fest was well attended a few old friends and new enriched our evening. The Eddie and Mercedes Chow and family cooked up a storm. Nancy Murphy and Jodi Lamberti decorated.



Healing Prayer was offered at the Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist. The service was well attended. Everyone enjoyed coffee hour in the undercroft afterwards.

Please consider joining us for mid week mid morning prayer and companionship.

## Sunday Lectionary Oct 16, 2016

Reading the Prophet Jeremiah or evening listening to the selections offered on Sunday can sometimes feel like more like depressing news than Good News. In its own way the mixed of the good and the bad news, the hope and the disappointment make for a much more realistic and richer experience.

Today we hear God’s plan for us, and dare I say God’s hope for us.

*“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.....for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord.” Jeremiah 31:33-34*

## Feasts this week

The Church Celebrates the Feast of St. Luke., gospel author of Luke and Acts: A gentile convert, Physician, fellow missionary with St. Paul he wrote the gospel so as to help spread the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ to a wide range of people in the region of Asia Minor.

There are many traditions about where Luke lived, died, whether

he was martyred. Another tradition that is reflected in the Icon is that St. Luke met Mary the mother of Our Lord and it was directly from her that he received the tradition of the Annunciation experience, birth and early childhood of Jesus.

