

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.



The Lord Jesus appointed seventy two disciples whom he sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest". (Luke 10:1-9)

Today - October 18 - is the feast of Saint Luke, chosen as patron of our parish when the parish was established in 1870. Saint Luke was a gentile (most likely or Greek); he was a doctor - who Paul called "the beloved physician." He wrote the Gospel to show the truth of what the Christians had been instructed and wrote mainly for the information of the Greeks. He had a love for the poor and ill treated while by tradition had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles - a history of the early church. He died the death of a martyr thus giving his greatest and clearest witness to this love for the Lord Jesus.

The Mass in honor of Saint Luke will be celebrated at all the Masses this weekend replacing the readings and Mass texts of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

One of the four Gospel writers Saint Luke was a faithful laborer of the harvest. He gave his entire life to making Jesus known and loved. Both in word and in deed Saint Luke brought countless people to better know, love and serve the Lord Jesus.

As we honor Saint Luke and seek his intercession we pray to follow his example. In Baptism we have been called to holiness and mission: Holiness - to grow in God's love; Mission - to spread the Good News of Jesus. May we be holy and active in our witness to Christ.

God bless!

Saint Luke, pray for us.

Let us pray for one another,

Mssa. Tosi

Saint Luke was not only a doctor but also an artist. He is the patron saint of artists and is said to have painted the earliest images of the Blessed Mother. The original picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is one of many copies of the original image painted by Saint Luke.

Of the four Evangelists, Luke is symbolized by an ox or calf in acknowledgement of the sacrificial elements found especially in the beginning of his gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in communion with the universal church, we strive to follow the Lord's command to love God and one another. Rooted in word and sacrament, we grow together as a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

<u>Oct. 11, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$12,812.50	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	707

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MISSION SUNDAY ---

Is celebrated this weekend (Oct. 17-18) by the Catholic Church throughout the world. A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the support of the church's worldwide missions. Let us also support the Missions with our prayers and the sharing of our time and talents. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A VOLUNTARY COLLECTION ---

Has been authorized by Bishop DiMarzio that will be distributed through Catholic Relief Services to assist the victims of the recent natural disasters in Indonesia and several Asian countries. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and thousands of people have been displaced. As the Bishop wrote, these events "are the new human tragedies that demand our immediate attention and assistance".

A special collection for this purpose will be taken up next weekend, Oct. 24th and 25th.

Please pray for those who have suffered so much because of these natural disasters.

LECTORS ---

The workbooks for the new Liturgical Year beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, have arrived. Please stop by the Sacristy and pick up your copy. Please sign the sheet so we know who has taken a copy.



WORLD PRIEST DAY ---

Sunday, October 25th is World Priest Day. With that in mind, we will be having a holy hour to pray for all priests on Friday, October 23rd from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

All are welcome to come and pray with us.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 MSGR. DILLON COUNCIL --**

Will install its new Grand Knight here at the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday, October 25th.

Congratulations to Edward Weisenburger, the new Grand Knight as well as the other officers to be installed.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

If you are planning a winter Baptism, please note the following dates:

<u>Baptism Class</u>	<u>Baptism Sunday</u>
Dec. 21	Dec. 13 & 27
Jan. 11	Jan. 10 & 24
Feb. 8	Feb. 14 & 28

**If you have any questions please call
 Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at
 718-746-8531.**

NEEDED ---Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality ---

The parish is seeking parishioners to act as ushers or Ministers of Hospitality. This ministry is open to men and women. New members are urgently needed!

If interested, please call Msgr. Tosi or Father Vincent at the Rectory (718) 746-8102.

This ministry is one of the oldest ministries open to the laity. It involves not just the taking up of the collection (important as it is!) but more importantly - the care and service of Christ's Body, the church.

And speaking of ushers - thank you to our parishioners who serve so faithfully and for many of them over many years.

Thinking of giving it a try - give a call - NOW!



THANK YOU ---

To all our parishioners who have returned their commitment envelope as part of the Parish Support Program. Over the past two weeks a total of 234 commitment envelopes were returned with 228 indicating they would be increasing their current weekly offering.

In addition five parishioners asked for additional information on setting up an automatic withdrawal or use of a credit card in making their offering; five have also sought to register in the parish.

There is still time to return your commitment envelope - in the collection basket at Mass; by mail, or you can drop your envelope off at the Rectory.

Thank you to all who have increased their weekly offering and to those who continue to support the parish as best they can.

Please consider your generous response prayerfully.

Assuring you my gratitude and prayers,

Msgr. Tosi

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY ---

This annual observance was celebrated on Sunday, October 4th at Saint James Cathedral Basilica. Each year a group or individual is honored with the Diocesan Celebration of Life Award "for their contribution and dedication to the work of promoting the Sanctity and Dignity of all human life".

This year's recipient is the Joint Respect Life Committee made up of individuals from parishes throughout the diocese. St. Luke has three of our parishioners on this Joint Committee who were awarded the Diocesan Celebration of Life Award: **Arleen Purr Millette; James McCloskey, Esq. and Erica Swammy.**

Congratulations to each of them and the other members for all their hard work in defense of the Sanctity of Human Life.

CLUSTER MEETINGS ---

Monthly meetings of the Pastoral Staff of the four cluster parishes have begun again with the beginning of the new Pastoral year. The September meeting took place here at Saint Luke. Future meetings move from parish to parish.

Our cluster includes the parishes of: Holy Trinity, Saint Fidelis, Saint Luke and Saint Mel.

Please keep the cluster meetings in your plans as we meet to discuss the many challenges facing not only the parish and cluster but the church in general.

CONFESSIONS ---

The priests of the parish (including Father Coffey) will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance with the boys and girls attending both the Catholic School and the Religious Education Program beginning this week. In the course of the year (October - May) the sacrament will be made available for nearly 1,000 children. Please keep our young people in your prayers.



FALL DECORATIONS ---

We wish to express our thanks to Queens Garden Nursery for donating the fall decorations you see around the church and school. The decorations add to the color and flavor of fall around our parish grounds.

LAY (THIRD ORDER) CARMELITES ---

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (Third Order) is a special way of life offered by the Order of Carmelites to those who wish to follow the Lord more closely in imitation of Our Blessed Lady, blending the life of a lay person with the spirituality of Carmel.

While every baptized Christian is a sharer in the same call to holiness, and the same missions to follow Jesus in the light of the Gospel, Lay Carmelites are invited to accept this call in a deeper way, benefitting richly from Carmelite spirituality and sharing in the graces which flow from the way of life and good works of its members throughout the world.

The Lay Carmelites of St. Luke's Chapter meet on the second Friday of each month at 7:00PM in St. Luke Church. We would be happy to have you come as our guest to one of our future monthly meetings. For further information, please contact Lori at (718) 507-4561.





PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP ---

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30pm in the church. Light refreshments follow. All are welcome to attend.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP ---

The Bereavement Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Rectory. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30PM. All are welcome to attend.



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?---

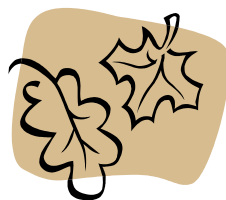
If you would like to register as a parishioner of Saint Luke Church you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and obtaining a form which can be returned in the Sunday collection, by mail or in person. After you register you will then receive weekly offering envelopes.

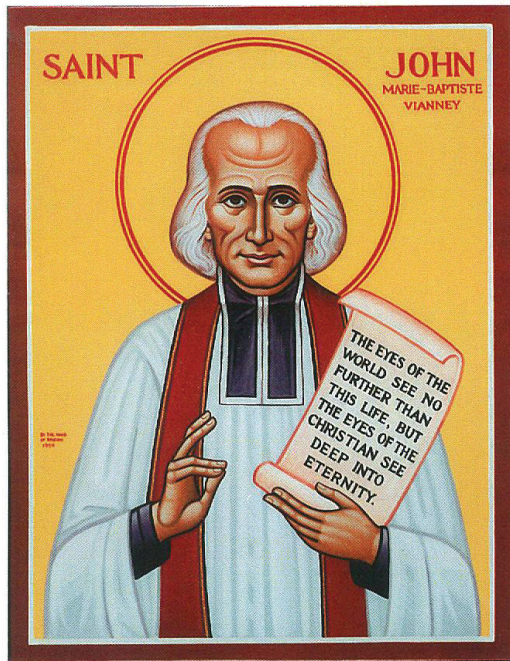
If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at (718) 746-8102.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ---



We visit the poor, sick, elderly and physically challenged at home and in the hospital; offer financial help to individuals in emergency situations - utilities, rent, medication, food, run thrift shops, food pantries and soup kitchens. Please call the Rectory if you need help. All calls are confidential.





The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010

WORLD PRIEST DAY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers,
Whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*

*Lord Jesus,
We ask that you support them with your presence
And fill them with grace to serve You faithfully.*

*Gracious Spirit,
Unite us in service with those whom you have called.
Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons
To pursue your calling,
And open their hearts to hear Your call to this
Most Holy Sacrament.*

Amen

WHAT IS A COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS MASS?

After the death of a loved one many people look to remember special occasions and anniversaries with the celebration of Mass - perhaps the anniversary of death; birthday or some other memorable date.

We have set aside two special Masses a month to provide for as many people as possible to remember their loved ones at Mass. Known as Collective Intention Masses because more than one person is remembered they are celebrated on:

The 2nd Saturday of each month
At Noon

And

The 4th Sunday of each month
At the 11:45AM Mass

The names of the deceased to be prayed for are both written in the bulletin and announced at Mass. Music and song are included at these Masses.

Next Sunday, October 25th at the 11:45AM Collective Intentions Mass we pray for RITA & CHRISTOS RENTOS.

The next Collective Intentions Mass: Saturday, November 14 at 12:00 Noon.

Please call the Rectory to schedule such a Mass or to get additional information.



"ONE SPIRIT, ONE SOUL, ONE PARISH COMMUNITY"

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM / DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Newsletter #5

October 17-18, 2009

Participation is the key to success! Please join us!

Please participate in this important program for our parish. As of this week, 234 parish households have returned their Commitment Envelope. This is very encouraging, since more parishioners are expected to participate in this appeal over the coming weeks. All parishioners are asked to complete a Commitment Envelope and indicate your weekly offertory contribution for the coming year. Additional supplies will be available as you leave Mass or at the parish office. Once you have completed the envelope or form below, you can place it in the offertory collection basket, mail it to the parish or personally drop-it off.

THANK YOU A special thanks is extended to those parishioners who have already returned a Commitment Envelope. We appreciate your support and understanding of our need. Your generosity will help and enable our parish to better plan for the future ahead.

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

"Parish Support Program" – COMMITMENT FORM

_____ After prayerful consideration, I/we have decided to increase my/our financial commitment to the parish.
I/We have checked the space below that represents my/our increased weekly commitment.

Your new weekly offering should begin when you return this form to the parish.

_____ Please check here if you are NOT presently receiving offertory envelopes but would like to start.
(Use of offertory envelopes helps the parish better plan for its budget.)

_____ I/We are interested in having my/our offering set up as an automatic withdrawal or charged to a credit card. (Please send me information.)

Please complete the information below:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

___	\$ 5	\$ 260
___	\$ 7	\$ 364
___	\$10	\$ 520
___	\$15	\$ 780
___	\$20	\$1,040
___	\$25	\$1,300
___	\$30	\$1,560
___	\$50	\$2,600
___	\$75	\$3,900
___ Other:	\$ _____	\$ _____

Please Check One	My New Weekly Offering	Annual Gift would be...
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Whitestone, New York

ADOPT A SEMINARIAN ---

Great news from the Vocation Office! As part of a diocesan wide program we have just adopted Mr. Bruce Moreno, a seminarian for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Bruce has just begun his studies at Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston. Bruce is in the pre-Theology program at Cathedral Seminary. The pre-Theology program at Cathedral involves many things. Bruce will be introduced to the study of philosophy in which he will have to accrue 30 credits. Bruce will also be introduced to the life of a seminarian. He will be asked to attend daily Mass, see a spiritual director, and attend conferences on priestly formation and so much more. In the coming bulletins we will have more information about Bruce and his road to the priesthood. Please keep Bruce in your thoughts and prayers.

If you want to write Bruce at the Seminary, his address is Mr. Bruce Moreno, Cathedral Seminary Residence of the Immaculate Conception, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, New York 11362. Let him know you are praying and thinking about him.

Fr. Vincent and the Vocation Committee of Saint Luke Church

P.S. Interested in fostering vocations to the priesthood as part of the parish Vocation Committee? Please contact Fr. Vincent at 718-746-8102.



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Frances Cabrini ---

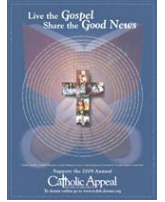
A trip to the Shrine Church of Saint Frances Cabrini in the Bronx will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The bus will leave from in front of St. Luke Church at 11:00AM. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine in Italian by Father Vincent Chirichella. Cost is \$15 per person. For tickets and information, contact Claudia or Frank Morelli at 718-961-7751.

Sabato 7 November 2009 ci sara' un pellegrinaggio al santuario di s. Francesca Cabrini nel Bronx. La s. Messa sara' celebrate in Italiano da Padre Vincenzo Chirichella. Si partira' alle ore 11AM. Il costo e di solo 15.00 a persona. Per ulterior informazione telefonare a Claudia e Frank Morelli 718-961-7751.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Once again the response of the parishioners of Saint Luke to the Annual Catholic Appeal has truly been a witness to your love of the church and the parish.

As of October 6th a total of \$139,551.84 has been pledged from 573 donors with \$122,658.50 already received making Saint Luke rank #6 among the over 200 parishes of the Diocese. Thank you to those who have made a pledge. Please continue to fulfill your promised gift.



With the Appeal ending in December - please consider making your gift today. Don't delay any longer. With your help we can reach last year's number of 700 donors.

The ministry of both diocese and parish have as a foundation the sharing of time, talent and yes - money by those who believe in the mission of the church. Your generous sharing of all three is what makes our parish so alive and vital a presence of Christ.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Are you an adult who has never been baptized? Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This is a gradual process by which a person enters the life of the Church. It entails study, faith sharing, Scripture reflection, and rites (steps along the way celebrated with the faith community).

This process or faith journey begins with a period of inquiry. We invite you to come and explore! Please call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at the Religious Education Office (718) 746-3409 for more information.

COME JOIN ST. LUKE MOMMY & ME CLASS ---

Classes every Tuesday from 9:30am - 11:00am in St. Luke School Hall for children ages 6 month and up. \$5.00 per child (2 siblings \$8.00) No registration necessary. For more info call Vicky at 718-344-7620, Tina at 646-229-6594 or visit our website at www.saintlukeonline.com.





Atlantic City bus trip ---

Join the St. Luke Golden Age Club for a bus trip to the ShowBoat Hotel in Atlantic City on Tuesday, October 27. Bus leaves 8:00am sharp! Cost is \$25 per person. For more information please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the lower church every Friday evening. Open meeting at 7:30pm - Closed meeting at 9:00pm.

Diocesan Alcohol & Substance Abuse Assistance Program ---

The Diocese of Brooklyn has created a program to provide confidential ongoing assistance to parish and community families who suffer from the effects of alcohol and substance abuse. The program provides counseling, support, treatment and care to those seeking assistance. To connect to a network of services that will help you and your family in addressing this concern, please make a confidential call to the Diocesan Alcohol and Substance Abuse Assistance Program Hotline at 1-800-659-1603. For general info please visit Catholic Charities' website: www.ccbq.org.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES OF ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL - CLASS OF 1960 ---

Come to a Reunion! Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 6pm at Angelina's Restaurant (www.angelinaslynbrook.com) Cost - \$55 per person - spouses and friends are welcome. For further information contact ronanm@optonline.net.

VETERAN'S DAY GIFT DRIVE ---

Help make a hospitalized hero feel special this Veterans Day. This holiday gift drive is made possible by working in conjunction with members of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars to support our troops and bring cheer to hospitalized veterans. Your donation will help show our veterans how much we appreciate the sacrifice they made for us.

Suggested donations, which should be new and unused, include: slippers, robes, pajamas, sweaters, socks, and toiletries for both men and women.

Please drop off your gifts by Monday, November 8, 2009 to Assemblywoman Carrozza's district office located at 213-33 39th Avenue, Suite 238 in Bayside or to Dr. Robert Mittman's office which is located at 38-21 Bell Blvd.

This gift drive is being sponsored by Assemblywoman Ann-Margaret Carrozza. If you have any questions, please call her office at (718) 357-3588.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It is a great time to rekindle communication, intimacy and enjoy a weekend away. The next weekend is November 6-8, 2009. For information or to register call: 877-NYS-WWME or visit our web site at www.mygmwwme.org.





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tues. - Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21;
Lk 12:35-38
Wed. - Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs.- Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Fri. - Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Sat. - Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

ANTHONY PRETTITORE



AND FOR THE DECEASED:

WINIFRED HERLIHY

NICOLO CEGLIAN

FRANCES BUGLIONE



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2009

Monday, October 19

7:00 Matteo Valenti
12:00 Salvatore & Fannie Cicero

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 Peggy & Michael Harrington
12:00 Roza & Anton Babic & Family

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 Betty & Frank Aquilon
12:00 Deceased Members of Mihelic Family

Thursday, October 22

8:30 Carmine & John Colalillo & Family
12:00 Joseph Iaciovano

Friday, October 23

7:00 Eugene Maiorana
12:00 Rocco Michielli & Family

Saturday, October 24

8:30 Mario Nardella



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **JOSEPHINE GIARDINA** at the request of Aunt Rose Salemi & Joe & Peggy Galanti; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **CAROL HAMILTON** at the request of the Giobbe, Wallner, Panteleo & Fusco Families.



Community News

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION & DINNER

November 21, 2009 at Holy Cross High School, 6:30pm (optional liturgy 5:30pm)
Inductees: Daniel C. Barr '79, Daniel J. Hannon '73, Br. Francis Leary, CSC, William G. Poppe, Jr. '60, Patrick J. Raferty '65 and Martin Stein '74. Cross & Anchor Recipients: Henry "Hank" Carter, Carol Cook. Tickets: \$125 per person. For additional information or to purchase ad in Hall of Fame Journal, please contact Gail Sicoli (718) 461-1288.

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM ---

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land - Traditional Art & Livelihood for Holy Land Christians
St. Michael's Church (Barclay Ave. & Union St., Flushing) will have a display of these beautiful items for sale in Father Skelly Hall (church basement) on the weekend of Oct. 17 & 18 after all Masses. Your support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this important culture and industry will be gratefully appreciated.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS AT ST. FIDELIS ---



Mass is celebrated at St. Fidelis Church, 123-06 14th Ave., College Point every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7am. Celebrant: Fr. Alfred Guthrie, parochial vicar. Upcoming Mass: Friday October 30 at 7am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME - MARCH 4 - 12, 2010



Trip includes 2 nts. Assisi, 5 nts. Rome, Breakfast daily and most meals, Air & Accommodations (double occupancy), all tours per itinerary and all taxes. For a brochure contact the Pilgrimage Office at 718-965-7313, Pilgrimages@RCDOB.org.

NAR-ANON NEVER ALONE

A twelve step support group for anyone affected by a loved one's use/abuse of drugs. There are no dues or fees. Meetings are held at the VFW Hall in Whitestone (19-12 149th St.) every Thursday from 7:30-9pm. Newcomers are welcome. For info call Pat & Norman at 718-229-2113 at any time.



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