



Today, October 25, is World Priest Day celebrated with special meaning in this Year for Priests proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. In a video message to participants in the International Retreat for Priests held from September 23 to October 4 in Ars, France (the town where Saint John Mary Vianney, patron of all parish priests was pastor) the Holy Father spoke on the indispensable role of the priest. Quoting St. John Vianney, the Pope stated: "A good pastor, a pastor according to the heart of God, is the greatest treasure that the good Lord can give to a parish and one of the most precious gifts of Divine Mercy." (Cure' of Ars). Words which truly humble every priest and cause the priest to find strength in the love of Christ and joy in the service of Christ's Body, the Church.

Yet, the Pope also clearly stated the humanity of priesthood:

"Chosen from among men, the priest continues to be one of them and is called to serve them by giving them the life of God..."

Our priestly vocation is a treasure that we bear in earthen vessels."

During this Year for Priests the Holy Father urges all priests "to explore and rediscover the greatness of the sacrament which has configured us forever to Christ the High Priest and has consecrated us in all truth." On this World Priest Day pray for priests of the church and in a special way for the priests of the parish. Pray that all priests will find their strength and joy in intimacy with God moving them to ever greater service of those entrusted to their care with joy and hope. Love and support your priests in a unity of charity stronger and deeper than anything that can divide us.

Pray for vocations to the priesthood. I am very grateful to Father Vincent and his work in forming a parish Vocation Committee whose goal is to foster vocations in our parish. Vocations come from good families and from the example of good Christians living their vocations in faithfulness to the Lord's call. Our parish has given many priestly vocations as well as vocations to consecrated life. Pray for our young people - may they respond generously to the Lord's call; encourage vocations and most of all live your vocation and witness to the joy of Christian discipleship.

Let us entrust all priests to the care of Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of priests.
God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Mssa. Tosi

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. 18, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$12,759.50	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	596

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THANK YOU ---

To all those who contributed to last week's second collection for the support of worldwide missions. The total amount collected was \$2,285.00.

God bless you.

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 this 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.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ---

All current members are asked to meet with Msgr. Tosi on Monday, October 26th at 7:30pm in the church. It is an important meeting --- so please make every effort to be present.



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

Will install its new Grand Knight here at the 10:30AM Mass this 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>
<i>Dec. 21</i>	<i>Dec. 13 & 27</i>
<i>Jan. 11</i>	<i>Jan. 10 & 24</i>
<i>Feb. 8</i>	<i>Feb. 14 & 28</i>

**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 USHERS 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!



CONGRATULATIONS ---

To Father Kevin J. Sweeney who has been appointed by Bishop DiMarzio as pastor of the parish of Saint Michael, Sunset Park while remaining Director of Vocations.

Father Sweeney is a graduate of our school, and his mother Agnes continues to live in Whitestone and is a longtime member of the parish.

Please keep Father Sweeney in your prayers.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Adult altar servers are needed to serve at Funeral Masses. If you are interested, please contact Father Vincent at the Rectory at (718) 746-8102



NEW YEAR'S EVE ...DON'T MAKE ANY PLANS!!

Come join us this New Year's Eve and usher in the new year with our family here at Saint Luke's. More details in future bulletins.

HAVE YOU HEARD? ---

27 new altar servers will be trained and installed in February 2010!



FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

As Catholics we believe in a “communion of saints” - a union of the church on earth, the church in heaven and the church in Purgatory. We celebrate this communion each year with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We the church on earth seek the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven, their help and protection as we strive to live the Christian life; we the church on earth pray for those who have died marked with the sign of faith now in Purgatory so that the fullness of heavenly joy may be theirs.

MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2009
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am
9:00am (Italian)
10:30am
11:45am
1:00pm
5:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF ALL SOULS
NOVEMBER 2, 2009
7:00AM
10:30AM
12 NOON
7:30PM FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION

The 7:30pm Mass will be offered in a special way for all our parishioners and loved ones who have died this past year. All parishioners are invited to join the families of our recently deceased.



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?---

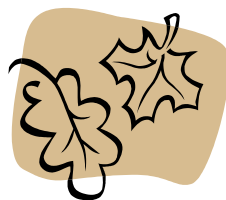
If you would like to register as a parishioner of Saint Luke Church you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and obtaining a form which can be returned in the Sunday collection, by mail or in person. After you register you will then receive weekly offering envelopes.

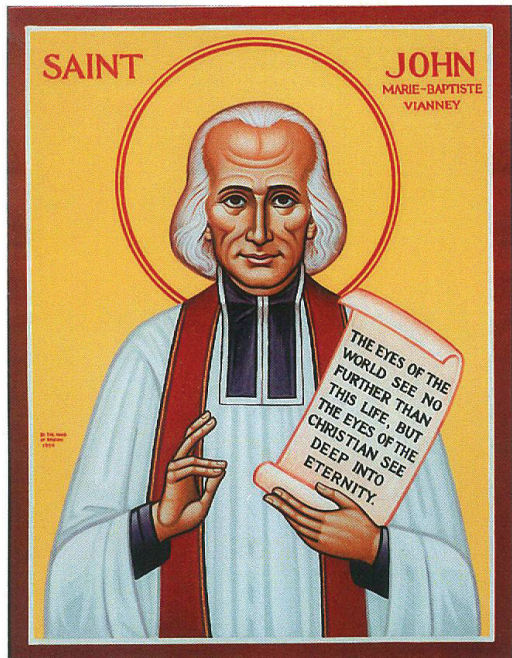
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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ---



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.





Addressed to priests by the Holy Father ---

“Living witnesses of the power of God at work in human weakness, consecrated for the salvation of the world, you remain, my dear brothers, chosen by Christ Himself in order to be, through Him, salt of the earth and light of the world.”

*Pope Benedict XVI
Video Message to priests at
The International Retreat for
Priests 2009, ARS.*

*The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010*

World Priest Day is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests.

So please remember in your prayers ---

Father Dettmer, Father Vincent, Father Rene, Father Coffey & Msgr. Tosi.

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

ST. LUKE SCHOOL
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET
718-746-3833 www.SaintLukeOnline.com

WALKATHON

Thank you to all who contributed to our St. Luke School Walkathon. The entire school community, including teachers, students, parents, and friends of St. Luke, walked throughout the streets of Whitestone on Thursday, October 15 under the protection of the officers from the 109th precinct. The day was perfect for the walk and the students collected over \$13,000.00!

YOUNG ALUMNI FASHION NIGHT OUT

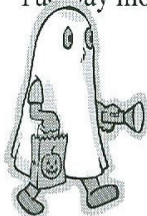
St. Luke School extends a warm Homecoming Welcome to the graduates from the Classes of 2006 to 2009
at our Young Alumni Fashion Night Out
Friday, November 6, 2009
from 6PM until 10PM in the School Hall.

Catch up with old friends, see the faculty, view the latest fall fashions, shop at our Accessories Bazaar and enjoy a delicious meal.

Admission is \$20. Please mail RSVP to St. Luke School or drop it off at our Security entrance.

MOMMY AND ME

All Moms, Dads, (and Grandparents!) and their little ones are welcome to join in on the fun on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00AM. Admission is only \$5.00. Please come by for some playtime, sharing, and caring.



Pumpkin Picking on the Great Lawn and Halloween Party
on Tuesday October 27!

“ONE SPIRIT, ONE SOUL, ONE PARISH COMMUNITY”

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM / DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Newsletter #6

October 24-25, 2009

Weekly Support Increases!

We are pleased to announce the recent response to the Parish Support Program currently underway. As you know, this program was put in place to help our parish better meet its financial responsibilities. As of this week, 264 parish households have returned their Commitment Envelope. These initial results are encouraging, since more parishioners are expected to return their commitment envelope this month.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Please participate in this important program for our parish. 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 Commitment Envelope you can place it in the offertory collection basket, mail it to the parish or personally drop-it off.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT AUTOMATIC GIVING?

During this Parish Support Program, Saint Luke Church is gauging the interest in a different way for parishioners to contribute. This automatic giving program will collect contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account electronically. There is no cost for you to participate in the program. If interested, please check the box on your Commitment Envelope.

** (When this PSP appeal is complete Parish Leadership will see if there is enough interest to move forward with this giving option. You would then be contacted with information.)

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
Whitestone, New York



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.



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.

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 20 a total of \$142,201.84 has been pledged from 576 donors with \$127,268.50 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.

On October 14 a check in the amount of \$21,360 representing the parish share based on receipts over goal as of October 9 was received in the mail. This combined with the July distribution of \$8,047.51 bring the total parish share to \$29,408. The check will be used to meet the general financial obligations of the parish. Again, thank you to all who supported the Annual Catholic Appeal 2009.

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.

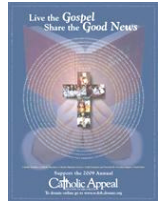
WHAT IS A COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS MASS?

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

The next Collective Intentions Mass is on Saturday, November 14th at 12 Noon. At this Mass we pray for MARY CARDILLO, SALVATORE TOTINO AND MARIA CICERO.





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 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tues. - Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wed. - Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Thurs.- Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Fri. - Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Sat. - Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29;
Lk 14:1,7-11



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

ANTHONY PRETTITORE



AND FOR THE DECEASED:

DIANA P. DUARTE

WILLIAM F. KELLY

FEDERICO BENEVENTANO



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2009

Monday, October 26

7:00 Mary Latkowski
12:00 Matthew & Ovidio Marano
& deceased family members

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 Rocco Bacchia (16th Anniversary)
12:00 Mario Nardella

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 Nina Peras
12:00 Diana Ciliberti

Thursday, October 29

8:30 Nunzio & Louise Savino
12:00 John Franolic

Friday, October 30

7:00 Lorraine Paolino
12:00 Joseph Trotta (Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, October 31

8:30 Phillip Breen (Anniversary)



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **SILVANO VISCOVICH** at the request of Giocanna Vosilla & family; the Altar Wine is in memory of **BILL RAMIREZ (17TH ANNIVERSARY)** at the request of his wife, Elsa; the Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of **MARTIN & DOROTHY SCHUCK** at the request of the Molloy Family; the candles are burning in memory of **JOSEPH COLALILLO** at the request of grandchildren, Autumn, Hans, Joseph & Julian.



Community News

VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM & CONCERT ---

Poppenhusen Institute, 114-04 Fourteenth Road, College Point, N.Y.
The program consists of a DVD on the last of the WWII Veterans of College Point and a Patriotic Concert performed by The Little Brass Band of the American Concert Band. The date is Saturday, November 14 beginning at 1:00pm. For info call Susan or Faye at (718) 358-0067.



ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ---



Bye Bye Birdie on Friday and Saturday, November 13 & 14, 2009 at 8:00pm, Immaculata Hall Auditorium at St. Mary's Parish High School, Northern Blvd., Manhasset. All tickets are \$10. For reservations and information call (516) 627-2711, ext. 1171.

FLEA MARKET ---

Vendors are wanted for the St. Francis of Assisi School Flea Market to be held on Saturday, November 21st from 10am to 5pm. The cost per table is only \$50. Items can be new, used or homemade. Please contact Lucy at (917) 335-2695 if you are interested. Great opportunity for Christmas shopping!



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.

ST. MICHAEL'S FALL CONCERT

St. Michael's Church (4th Ave., Brooklyn) invites you to attend a Fall Concert with Tenor Karl Scully (of the Irish Tenors) and Soprano Deirdre Masterson (of the Irish Sopranos) on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 3:30pm. Donation is \$35. For tickets and reservations please call (718) 768-6065.



ST. JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL ---

Announces the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship Examination on Sat., Nov. 21, 2009. Applications on website: www.stjohnsprepschool.org or call the Admissions Office at 718-721-7200, ext. 699.



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