FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

Last Sunday was a truly historic day as the parish celebrated the blessing and installation of the new church stained glass windows. The presence of Bishop Caggiano was yet another blessing as donors and parishioners gathered together with those involved in the creation of the windows - artists, craftsmen and consultants - for the celebration of the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving. Of course, the celebration continued with a reception in the school hall. I wish to thank all those who made this day so very special - one which will long remain with all those who attended.

I was once again reminded of the goodness and generosity of the people of our parish - a goodness and generosity rooted in your love for God and for the parish. As Bishop Caggiano remarked, Saint Luke is a very special parish - alive, dynamic, strong in faith and active in charity with lives that witness to Christ's reply to the question in last week's Gospel: "You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Therefore, it is with hope that we face the challenges of the present and with trust that we plan for the future. Thank you to all those who have responded so generously to the appeal to support the Capital Campaign - a campaign who's theme: *Serving the Present; Building the Future* serves to highlight the true importance of the campaign - service to people, preaching the Gospel; celebrating sacraments in worship of God. It is about ministry! Even buildings have a ministry - a true ministry of service. The campaign is about enabling our parish buildings to serve the Gospel - and us.

Please have an open heart when you are contacted by a parish volunteer to make your pledge. We have inherited a great parish by the open hearts of parishioners of long ago. Can we do any less for the generations to come? Your participation is so important to the success of the campaign.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Tosi

JUST A REMINDER ---

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day - a Holyday of Obligation. Let us celebrate the glorious company of Saints in heaven;

Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day - a special time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Please join us for Mass on All Saints and All Souls.



SERVING THE PRESENT; BUILDING THE FUTURE THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE CHURCH

In the Lord, put your trust. Psalms 11:1

October 29 & 30, 2011

The Campaign for St. Luke Church is off to a miraculous start. The love of this parish and understanding of the need to restore our Church and School has been remarkable. So far, giving has taken the Campaign to 50% of its goal of \$3,000,000.

Our committee members have been very busy as they begin the task of reaching out to each and every family. It will take some time to reach out to everyone and schedule visits to talk one-on-one with each parishioner about the campaign. We will be happy to meet with you in your home or can arrange a meeting in the rectory if that is more convenient. Before being contacted, please take a moment to pray and search your heart for the sacrificial gift you can pledge to this initiative.

The kingdom of God is within you.
Luke 17:21

Each and every member of the parish must work together to make this campaign a success.

Campaign Statistics

Goal: \$3,000,000

Percent Reached: 50%

Current Amount Raised: \$1,487,150

Number of Gifts: 74

Average Gift: \$20,097

For over 140 years the faithful of St. Luke have been blessed with a beautiful church in which to gather together in to pray, to celebrate, and to console each other as one family. St. Luke Church is the spiritual center of our lives, and the home that we share.

THANKS to those who have already made their commitment to the Campaign. We ask everyone to look deep into their heart, and make a pledge so that the Gospel mission of St. Luke Church will continue here in Whitestone for generations to come!

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth.
- Deuteronomy 8:18

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1st

8:30am

10:30am

12 Noon

7:30pm

ALL SOULS DAY

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:00am

10:30am

12 Noon

7:30pm

Due to the closure of the lower church, there will be no refreshments after the 7:30pm Mass this year.

CONGRATULATIONS ---

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage here in our parish.

Saturday, November 5 at 3pm

KEN MIKLAS & ERICA ECKMAN



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ---

All are invited to spend some time in prayer with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month.

The Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:30am Mass until 9:00pm when it will close with Benediction.

The next Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday**, **November 4th**.

Why not take some time to be with the Lord in thanksgiving and praise for His goodness to each of us?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 45th Anniversary Dinner Party

Come join the Msgr.
Francis J. Dillon Council for a dinner party as we celebrate our 45th Anniversary on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 7:00pm-11:00pm. There will be a buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, DJ, door prizes, raffle prizes, 50/50, children's face-painter and Autumn craft making, and a fun time to be had by all! Adult tickets are \$30 per person, children from 7-12 years of age are \$10 per child, and children under 6 are free. For tickets, please contact any of the following:

Eddie Weisenburger 917-667-2835

Peter & Deirdre

Zuccarello 917-681-2404

Charlie Mangiaracina 718-746-1872

Damian & Lisa

Scardamaglia 516-375-2766



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Sunday	Baptism Class
Nov. 13 & 27	Nov. 21
Dec. 4 & 11	Dec. 19
Jan. 8 & 22	Jan. 9
Feb. 12 & 26	Feb. 13

For more information, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly at (718) 746-8531.

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FAMILY MASS ---

Please join us for the next Family Mass on **Sunday, November 20 at 11:45am**. We welcome all families - large or small. So come with your child or bring along the extended family; we have room for everyone!

We are always looking for families to volunteer their time and talents to various responsibilities within the Family Mass.

If you are interested please email apetro 621@verizon.net for more information.



CONCERTS AT ST. LUKE ---

On October 30 at 7:30pm Joseph B. Smith and Emanuel Bologna will present an organ recital in the church. Joseph Smith is currently the Director of Music at St. James Cathedral Basilica, Brooklyn but during the 1980's he was Director of Music here at St. Luke Church. Emanuel Bologna is Director of Music at Resurrection-Ascension Church. Rego Park and along with Jessica Tranzillo is Co-Chairperson of the Diocesan Music Commission. The program entitled "Haunting Harmonies" will offer music reflecting the "spirit" of the season including works you will recognize so come and listen. For tickets (\$10.00) contact the Music Office at (718) 746-3862.

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF ST. LUKE CHURCH?

It only takes a few minutes to become a part of our growing, vibrant community. Just stop by the rectory and pick up a census card. You can fill it out on the spot or take it with you and either return by mail or in the Sunday collection basket.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 23 \$13,173 Amount Needed \$13,425 Envelopes Mailed 1883 Envelopes Received 670



2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Thank you --- Thank you ---

As of October 24th a total of \$143,322 has been given by 501 donors with \$135,112 already received. This is truly remarkable and once again shows the generosity of so many parishioners.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners by making your gift to the Appeal. God bless.

One Bread --- One Body
One Vibrant Church

THANK YOU ---

To all those who supported the second collection last weekend for World Mission Sunday. Through your generosity a total of \$2,384 was collected.

Thank you and God bless.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP ---

The Bereavement Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Rectory basement. The next meeting will be held on **November 1st**. For more information, please call Fr. Vincent Chirichella at 718-746-8102 or Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at 718- 746-8531.

VISIT TO THE SHRINE OF MOTHER CABRINI ---

The annual visit to the Shrine of Mother Cabrini will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The bus will leave from St. Luke Church at 10:am. Tickets are \$15 per person. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am. A short procession follows Mass. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Frank Morelli at (718) 961-7751.

VISITA A SANTA MADRE CABRINI ---

La visita annual a Madre Cabrini Shrine sara' sabato 12, Novembre. Il bus partira' dalla chiesa di Santa Luke alle ore di 10:00am. Il costo e' di \$15 per persona. La Messa sara celebrate alle ore 11:30 dopo la Messa una breve processione e alla fine saranno serviti rinfreschi. Per informazioni dettagliate telefonare Frank Morelli (718) 961-7751.

TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Come join us in prayer to honor Mother Cabrini. Our Triduum will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30pm, Friday, November 11th at 7:30pm and will end with Mass on Sunday, November 13th at 9:00am. All are welcome!

Venite con noi per tre giorni di preghiera in onore di Madre Cabrini. Incontraimoci Giovedi 10 Novembre alle 7:30pm, Venerdi 11 Novembre alle 7:30pm, e venite per celebrare La Santa Messa a Domenica 13 November alle 9:00am. Invitate un vostro amico a venire con voi!

Fourth in a five part series presented by the Office of Communications and the Office of Pastoral Planning on the process of Strategic Planning.

The Planning Options www.ChristJesusOurHope.org

The strategic planning process now underway in the Diocese, *Christ Jesus, Our Hope*, will ensure that all parishes are both vibrant and sustainable for the future. In order to achieve this, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and the 40 members of the diocesan planning commission are recommending and implementing multiple plans tailored for each parish's need.

Certain considerations are necessary, such as the number of clergy who are available to serve, or cases of severe debt or overwhelming capital repairs may be so dire that the parish itself cannot address the challenges on its own. It is in these instances that the planning process can help <u>to provide</u> a solution.

One option is the merger of two or more parish communities. As it has happened before, the parishes that have merged come together as one. Over the past few years, over 40 parishes have been a part of this process. A merger helps to address financial challenges by consolidating parish administration, finances and existing real estate. Many times, merged parishes can lease some of their real estate and create new sources of revenue for the new parish.

There is also the option to close a church building and redirect the faithful to a neighboring church. This is not a desirable option for anyone, but sometimes it is necessary, especially if the church is in need of overwhelming repairs. The greater good is ensuring a strong and viable Catholic presence in each area of our diocese.

A third option is charging individual parishes with the creation of a strategic action plan. Here, the pastor and parish leaders identify a series of tactical goals and objectives needed to address very specific challenges in a limited time frame. They will work with a facilitator to create focused plans. These are an attempt to rectify specific challenges before moving to a closure or merger.

About 30 parishes have developed these plans already and have begun to balance their budgets, eliminate overwhelming debt and set themselves on secure footing. Many more parishes will soon be asked to follow.

For more information on *Christ Jesus, Our Hope,* visit our website, www.christjesusourhope.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011

World Priest Day 24 Hour Prayer Intentions



Here are 24 prayer petitions for priests. In the interest of several people praying together in Spirit, we are asking individuals and couples to lift up that prayer intention during the specified hour if possible. By doing so, each intention hopefully will be offered by several across the nation during that hour. In this way we can be united in our prayer focus by time zone.

- <u>12:00 AM</u>: Pray for the health, welfare and spiritual growth of all priests, especially those that have been a gift to you and your family. Name them and visualize them as you pray.
 - 1:00 AM: Pray that those men being called by God to the Priesthood listen and hear that call.
- 2:00 AM: Pray that priests may strive to be men of prayer so their work may be fruitful.
- 3:00 AM: Pray that priests may be an instrument for an increase of understanding and unity between the other Christian Churches and the Catholic Church.
- 4:00 AM: Pray for missionaries in foreign lands that they recognize the fruits of their sacrifice and come to know the love of those to whom they minister and serve.
- <u>5:00 AM</u>: Pray for priests that serve the Church in isolated places that they come to experience the love and service of holy men and women in their parishes.
- 6:00 AM: Pray that Bishops may be open and attentive to the needs of their priests.
- 7:00 AM: Pray for wisdom, compassion and perseverance for priests in their healing role.
- 8:00 AM: Pray for retired priests to remain committed in their lifelong vocation of loving God's people.
- <u>9:00 AM</u>: Pray that priests may be bonded in brotherhood and strive to overcome differences in age, culture, personality styles and taste.
- <u>10:00 AM</u>: Pray for priests who teach in colleges, universities and seminaries that they remain committed to teaching the truth of Jesus.
- 11:00 AM: Pray for your parish priest and his needs.
- 12:00 PM: Pray for Pope Benedict XVI, your Bishop, and all the clergy to serve and lead the Church with passion and love.
- 1:00 PM: Pray for priests who have been unjustly accused of sexual misconduct.
- 2:00 PM: Pray for priests suffering from discouragement or doubt.

3:00 PM: Pray for priests who God is inviting to minister in Worldwide Marriage Encounter that they may hear the call and answer with open hearts and minds.

4:00 PM: Pray that priests will more fully experience the joy of the privilege of bringing Jesus to the people through the Sacraments of the Church.

<u>5:00 PM</u>: Pray for religious orders that they remain faithful to the vision of their founders as they carry on their ministry.

6:00 PM: Pray for the priest who had the most profound influence on your life.

7:00 PM: Pray for priests caught in addictions for their healing and ability to forgive themselves for their failure.

8:00 PM: Pray that priests pace themselves in a healthy manner in face of ever increasing workloads and assignments.

9:00 PM: Pray for priests experiencing physical pain or disease.

10:00 PM: Pray for a healthy balance of prayer, service and relaxation among the priests of our nation and the world.

11:00 PM: Pray that priests experience joy and peace through their participation in the lives of those they serve.

12:00 PM: Pray that the lived witness of priests will inspire young men to hear and accept God's call to the priesthood.

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. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI ---

The relic of St. Damien of Molokai will be in the Diocese of Brooklyn in early November 2011 for public veneration by the Faithful at three sites. The public, prayerful honoring of the heroic virtue and powerful witness of Father Damien's life of Gospel service to the poor and abandoned who suffered from leprosy in Hawaii in the late 19th century will include: Benediction, Presentation of the one-man Aldyth Morris play, *Damien*, by Fr. Jim Sweeney of Holy Name Parish, Brooklyn, individual Veneration of the First Class Relic. Locations and times for this spiritual event in the Diocese of Brooklyn are as follows:

St. James Cathedral Basilica 250 Cathedral Pl., Bklyn, N.Y. 11201 Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio presiding Friday, November 4, 2011 from 7-10pm

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish 150-75 Goethals Ave., Jamaica, N.Y.11432 Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011 from 1:30-4:30pm

Queen of Peace Residence Little Sisters of the Poor 110-30 221st Street, Queens Village, N.Y. Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011 from 2:00-5:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ray Roden at 718-728-0880 or by email at frrayroden@verizon.net.





MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ---

The Adult Choir of St. Luke Church has found extra chairs in the choir room and is looking for some people to fill them. If you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, we have a spot for you. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night at 7:30pm and we sing most Sundays at the 11:45am Mass. Come be a part of the song as we praise God together. For information contact the Music Office at 718-746-3862.

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Our next Hospitality Sunday will take place on **Sunday**, **November 13**, **2011**.

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners and friends in the school hall for refreshments after any of the Sunday morning Masses.

Hope to see you there!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tues.- Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Wed. - Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

Thurs. - Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

Fri. - Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Sat. - Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

MARIA C. LATA

JOSETTE TANZOLA

GRACE GAMBY

GIUSEPPE FEDELE

ANNA BRANDT

SANTINO VINCENT MIGLIACCIO

JENNIE ROMANO

MARYANN (IZZO) GERMINO

SUSANNA WINSHIP

LENNY KALLU

BARBARA SATALINO

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

JOSEPH A. MISTRETTA

JOHN (JACK) CURRAN

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are given in memory of *SALVATORE BULLARO* requested by Thomas and Madeline Bullaro.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *MAUREEN O'RIORDAN* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Molloy.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of *GIUSEPPE SALVI* requested by the Munoz Family.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2011

Monday, October 31 7:00 Christos Rentos 12:00 Veronica Rohan

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1 8:30 Deceased Members of the Flaim Family

10:30 For the Parishioners of St. Luke 12:00 Joseph Trotta (Wedding Ann.)

7:30 For the Parishioners of St. Luke

ALL SOULS DAY

Wednesday, November 2 7:00, 10:30, 12 noon, 7:30pm

Thursday, November 3 8:30 Iemma & McHugh Families 12:00 Granelli Family

Friday, November 4
7:00 Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Guerra & Paolino Families
12:00 Julia Boglioli

Saturday, November 5 8:30 Antonio, Vincenzina & Roberto Salvio

Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 12th at 12 noon. At this Mass we pray for:

> SALVATORE TOTINO ANGELINA GAGLIANO



BLOOD DRIVE ---

Whitestone Ambulance Service is having their semi annual Blood Drive on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at their headquarters located at 12-15 150th Street, Whitestone from 9am to 2pm. Please reserve some time that day and support this worthy cause. All donors will receive a free gift. For more information call (718) 767-1000.



FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB ---

Friday, November 4 at 12 noon at Verdi's Restaurant, Whitestone. Cost is \$25. Guest speaker: Father John P. Harrington, Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Astoria.

CONCERT ---

In continuation of their 50th Anniversary celebration, Our Lady of Fatima Parish presents a concert starring Daniel Rodriguez, "America's Beloved Tenor" on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2:30pm in Our Lady of Fatima Church, 25th Ave. & 80th St., Jackson Heights. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance or \$30 at the door. To reserve tickets call (718) 899-2801.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ---

St. Francis of Assisi School in Astoria will be hosting their Annual Grocery Bingo on Friday, Nov. 11. Doors open at 6:30pm in the church basement located at the corner of 45th St. and 21st Ave. Also, on Sunday, Nov. 20 there will be a Fall Flea Market. More vendors are wanted. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Lucy at 917-335-2695.

A VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE CONCERT ---

In cooperation with the Evertt Herrell VFW Post 885, and the Oscar Ammann American Legion Post 853 at Poppenhusen Institute (114-04 14th Road, College Point). Saturday, November 12 at 3pm. Admission is Free. Please bring a letter written to our men and women serving overseas today - we'll forward all those collected to them. For more information, call (718) 358-0067.

CENTENNIAL ALUMNI DAY ---

On January 29, 2012 Our Lady of Martyrs School will be holding an Alumni Day in celebration of the Centennial of the Parish. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to contact others in their class to participate in this fun filled and nostalgic day. The event will begin with 1pm Mass at the church. Please call 718-263-2622 for more information.



