



Every child...brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and persevered with care always and at every moment.

Pope Benedict XVI

Today, October 4 is Respect Life Sunday as we begin the observance of October as Respect Life Month. Human life is indeed God's gift - a gift to be treasured from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. So much threatens and even destroys life in today's culture. Yet the church proclaims a culture of life calling every person to foster, protect and value God's greatest gift of human life.

On this Respect Life Sunday I want to express my thanks and appreciation to our parish Respect Life Committee under the leadership of Rosemary Burchik for all their efforts in fostering a greater commitment to and appreciation of human life in the face of all that threatens it. I am especially grateful for the concrete opportunities it offers the parish to make a difference for life - Blood Drives; Flower Sales to support pro-life groups and organizations; support of the Right to Life March to Washington to mention only a few.

During this Respect Life Month let us pray for conversion of hearts toward greater respect for human life and an end to all that attacks life from every angle. And let us proclaim a culture of life - in word and in deed. What can each of us do that will increase a Respect for Life in ourselves and others.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

Msgr. Tosi

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Your cooperation and understanding is needed ---

Due to a problem in the preparation and mailing of the materials for the Parish Support Program the packets were delayed in getting into the mail. While some parishioners received their packet in the mail only late last week, other parishioners may not have received them as yet. The company contracted by the Diocese apologizes for this inconvenience. As a result the Commitment Weekend has been extended another weekend.

Commitment Weekends

October 3 & 4

October 10 & 11

Please consider your commitment prayerfully and carefully. Thank you & God bless.

Msgr. 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>Sept. 27, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$10,242	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	636

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MASS BOOK 2010 ---

The Mass book will open on Wednesday, October 7th at 9:30am in the lower church.

There will be a limit of five Masses per family. Please bring exact amount in cash or check for number of Masses requested.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ---



All who presently serve as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to meet with Msgr. Tosi on Monday, October 26th at 7:30pm in the church.

All are asked to make every effort to attend this important meeting with Msgr. Tosi. Please call the rectory if you cannot attend. Once again, thank you for your generous service to the parish.

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH YOUNGSTERS?



Looking for an opportunity to share your faith? God may be inviting you to serve as a catechist. The School of Religion is off to a good start but we still need catechists for our First Grade classes. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. If interested, please call Sister Katherine Burke at 718-746-3409.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---

During the month of September there were:

9 Baptisms 11 Funerals 4 Weddings

WATCH WHERE YOU PARK ---



Several parishioners have been given parking tickets when attending Mass on Sunday and other times. Please observe the parking regulations posted around church property especially on Clintonville Street.

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.

THANK YOU ---

To all those who so generously contributed to last week's second collection for the support of Catholic Education in the diocese. The total amount collected was \$1,690.



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.

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.

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.

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.mygmgwwme.org.



St. Luke's School



Walk-a-thon

**PLEASE JOIN US IN HELPING TO SUPPORT
ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL**

On Thursday, October 15, St. Luke School will be conducting a Walk-a-thon for the benefit of our school. The children need sponsors for their walk and we're hoping that you would like to help. *Any donation amount would be appreciated.*

If you would like to sponsor one of our students, please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or the school or put your donation in the church collection basket.

I would be happy to sponsor a student for the St. Luke School Walk-a-thon. Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$_____.

Please make all checks payable to St. Luke School.

Name _____

Address _____

Thank you for your support!

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Rev. Msgr. John Tosi, Pastor
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Dear Msgr. Tosi:

On behalf of the entire membership of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please extend to your parishioners a sincere "Thank You" for the clothing they donated on Sunday, September 20, 2009.

Hopefully, if space permits, we would appreciate it if you would place the following message in your Parish Bulletin:

A special "Thank You" to the parishioners of St. Luke R.C. Church for the most generous donation of clothing made on Sunday, September 20, 2009 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This clothing, as many of you know, will be utilized to maintain the dignity of the poor and the needy in the diocese.

Again, many thanks.

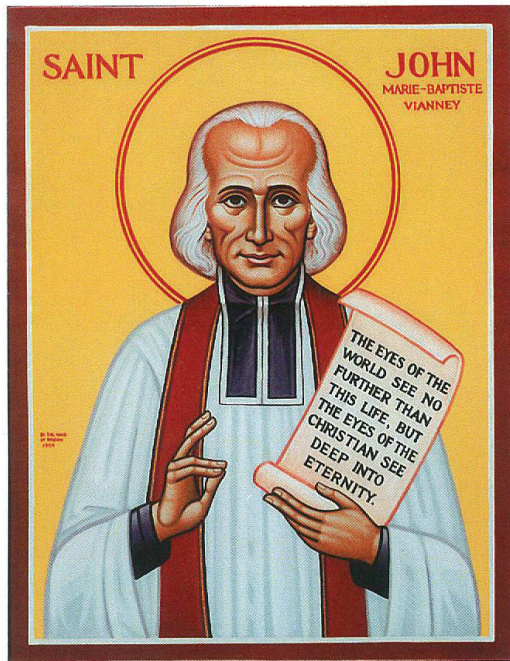
I also want to thank you for your time and concern in setting up this pick up. Let's keep in touch.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Bittner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Bittner
Executive Director

c: Cosmo J. Di Tucci



The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010

“After giving all He could, Jesus Christ wishes in addition to bequeath to us His most precious possession, His Blessed Mother”

- Cure’ of Ars


PROJECT ANDREW
at the College Seminary

An opportunity for young men in high school and college to learn more about the priesthood by joining Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and other priests and seminarians from the Brooklyn Diocese for an evening of prayer, dinner, and conversation.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 4:30PM at Cathedral Seminary Residence, Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, N.Y.

For more information or directions, please contact: Rev. Kevin Sweeney, Vocation Director at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me.”
Revelation 3:20



COME JOIN ST. LUKE MOMMY & ME CLASS

*St. Lukes School
16-01 Msgr. Francis Dillon Place
Whitestone, NY 11357 (off 17th Rd & Clintonville St)
Please enter through the Main Entrance*

**Grow, Learn, Explore & Laugh
all in a safe & nurturing environment.**

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR BABY & MOM

PLAY TIME	CIRCLE TIME
STORY TIME	MUSIC TIME
PARACHUTE	ARTS & CRAFTS
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Coffee & bagels for adults, juice & snacks for children.

CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY BEGIN SEPT 22!

*****NEW EXTENDED HOURS*****

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

FOR AGES 6 MONTHS AND UP

\$5.00 PER CHILD (2 SIBLINGS \$8.00)

(no registration necessary)

For more info call: Vicky 718-344-7620, Tina 646-229-6594 or visit our website at www.saintlukeonline.com

A PLACE WHERE MOMMY & BABY GROW TOGETHER

"ONE SPIRIT, ONE SOUL, ONE PARISH COMMUNITY"

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM / DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Newsletter #3

October 3-4, 2009

Commitment Weekends Begin!

As a response to the call for increased giving through our Parish Support Program, we are asking all of our parishioners to return their completed Commitment Envelopes over the next two weekends: October 3-4 & October 10-11. Msgr. Tosi has spoken about our current circumstances and how all parishioners can participate. Information has been placed in the mail for all those on our mailing list. For those not on our mailing list there is additional supplies in the back of Church and as part of this newsletter. If you are unable to return your commitment envelope at mass, please return it by mail or drop it off at the Rectory.

Please Consider Your Commitment Both Prayerfully And Carefully.

While every family will not have the financial ability to make the same commitment because of fixed or limited incomes, please know that an increase or participation at any level is what is important. We realize that every commitment is a true sacrificial gift to God. We can never outdo God's generosity, and this is our opportunity to say "Thank you, Lord, for everything."

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 envelope to the parish.
"Commitment Weekends" (Oct. 3-4 & Oct. 10-11)*

_____ 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 _____

Please Check One	My New Weekly Offering	Annual Gift would be...
___	\$ 5	\$ 260
___	\$ 7	\$ 364
___	\$10	\$ 520
___	\$15	\$ 780
___	\$20	\$1,040
___	\$25	\$1,300
___	\$30	\$1,560
___	\$50	\$2,600
___	\$75	\$3,900
___ Other:	\$ _____	\$ _____

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Development Office

September 25, 2009

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi
St. Luke Church
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Dear Monsignor Tosi:

I have received a letter from your Propagation Director, Father Mulkerin, informing us of the amount collected for our recent mission appeal at your parish. I understand that the funds gathered will be held in escrow until all mission appeals have been completed.

On behalf of the Jesuits of the New York Province Society of Jesus, thank you and your parishioners for the collection of \$4,083.00 and the hospitality shown to Father Rocco Danzi.

Sincerely yours,

Antoinette McCormick

Assist. for Gift Planning/

Mission Coordinator



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 September 22 a total of \$139,263.52 has been pledged from 567 donors with \$119,918.50 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.

Now that the summer is over and 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER PARTY ---

Come to the Msgr. Dillon Knights of Columbus Council's Dinner Party on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 6-10PM in St. Luke School Hall. This fundraiser will help support the charitable endeavors of the Knights of Columbus. Not only will you be supporting these good works, but you will enjoy a fun night out with delicious food, good music, raffles and a 50/50 all for just \$15 per person (\$10 for children). For tickets, please call Eddie at 1-917-667-2835 or Frank at 1-718-767-1196.

Hope to see you there!





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.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

<u><i>Baptism Class</i></u>	<u><i>Baptism Sunday</i></u>
<i>Oct. 19</i>	<i>Oct. 11 & 25</i>
<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Nov. 8 & 22</i>

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

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.

ITALIAN CLASSES



Registration for Italian Classes will be held on Monday, October 5 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the school. Classes will begin on Monday, October 19. All ages are welcome....age 3 to adult!

New this year! English as a second language class. Registration and class times are the same as above.

If more information is needed, please call Damiana at (718) 746-6269.



HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN ---

To report sexual abuse against a minor by a priest or deacon, call the Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance toll-free, confidential reporting number at 888-634-4499.

The Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance Program offers support, outreach and counseling to any victims who present themselves. For assistance call 888-634-4499.

To report sexual abuse against a minor by non-clergy Church personnel or parish volunteers, contact the appropriate District Attorney for your area: Queens County: 718-286-6310.

If you believe a child is being abused or neglected, call the New York State anonymous Hotline at 800-342-3720.

If you suspect a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

"This initiative, while extraordinarily difficult and delicate, has occasioned many moments of real healing and renewal."

--Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Mon. - Jon 1:1-2;1,11; Lk 10:25-37
Tues. - Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wed. - Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thurs.- Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Fri. - JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Sat. - JI 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of
RITA McGUIRK at the request of Mr. &
Mrs. James Mooney & Family.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

NICOLO CEGLIAN



AND FOR THE DECEASED:

MARIA AIDA CELANO

DOLORES E. SMITH

ANTOINETTE FAGGIANO

ANN PORTANOVA

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

Monday, October 5

7:00 Giuseppe & Maria Romano
12:00 Salvatore Mangione

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 Marisa Ciucci
12:00 Pierina Simic

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 Antonio Caringella
12:00 Roza & Milan Honovic

Thursday, October 8

8:30 Louis Granelli
12:00 Joseph Tomasso

Friday, October 9

7:00 Elizabeth Foley
12:00 Danielle Vosilla

Saturday, October 10

8:30 Deceased Members of the Lauri &
O'Connor Families



COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS MASS

We have set aside two special Masses a month: the second Saturday of each month at 12 noon and the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:45AM Mass. Please call the Rectory to schedule such a Mass or to get additional information.

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be on Saturday, October 10 at 12 Noon for **DANIEL BURKE** and **GIUSEPPE MULE**.



Community News



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES —

ST. AGNES HIGH SCHOOL - 13-20 124th St., College Point

Invites you to attend our Open House on Sat., Oct. 17 from 10am to 1pm. Come & visit “a small Catholic college preparatory school for young women”. For more info call (718) 353-6276, ext. 6.

MSGR. SCANLAN HIGH SCHOOL - 915 Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx

Invites you to attend our Open House on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 12 Noon - 3pm. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call Marianne Sheridan, Recruitment Director at 718-430-0100, ext. 20.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL - 26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd., Flushing

Invites you to attend our Open House on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1pm-4pm (Presentations at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm) For information contact Mr. Paul Gilvary at (718) 886-7250, Ext. 525.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

Monday, October 5, 2009 from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more info please call Guidance at 718-886-7250. Ext. 571.

HEALING MASS --



Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSSR, there will be a Healing Mass at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service at 7pm. Celebrant: Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info call 718-229-8001.

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 Masses: Friday, October 16 and 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.



DOMINICAN VILLAGE ---

A not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community offering outstanding programs, all-inclusive services & bountiful amenities. Open Houses will be taking place in October & November. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, contact us today at 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.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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