

*Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.*



*There is a variety of gifts but always the same spirit;  
there are all sorts of services to be done, but always to the same Lord;  
working in all sorts of different ways in different people;  
it is the same God who is working in all of them.*

*(1 Cor 12)*

As we celebrate this weekend the Feast of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2) St. Paul reminds us of the unity and diversity of the Body of Christ - a unity and diversity which we celebrate as a "communion of saints".

*"Just as a human body, though it is made of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In one spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one spirit was given to us all to drink."*

As stewards of God's many gifts the parish is enriched by the sharing of our individual gifts of time and talent in service to the Body of Christ which is the church - universal and local. It is the willingness to share our gifts generously that make Saint Luke such a special community of grace and blessing. As pastor I am privileged to see the many acts of service and charity offered by parishioners to others both within the parish and to the wider community in which we live. It is in this communal sharing of gifts that we not only encounter the living Christ but become the living Christ - His Body - alive and active in the world today. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of Christ's Body." Paul makes it clear we "together" are Christ's Body.

Paul challenges us to rejoice in our gifts and yet to offer them together in service. No one person is the Body of Christ; yet each person is a part of Christ's Body. Only together can the Body of Christ serve as an instrument of grace and reconciliation.

Allow me to express my thankfulness to all who volunteer their time and talent to build up the Body of Christ here in our parish. Too numerous to list I offer my gratitude and promise of prayers to all who make real these words of Saint Paul in service to the parish and beyond. Together we are truly the presence of Christ here in Whitestone. As St. Paul wrote:

*"I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present."*  
*(Philippians 1:3)*

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

*Marg. 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.***

<b><u>Oct. 25, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$14,057</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,726</b>	<b>762</b>

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**THANK YOU ---**

To all those who contributed to last week's second collection for the support for Disaster Relief. The total amount collected was \$2,130.

God bless you.

**PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM ---**

Thank you to all those who so generously responded to the Parish Support Program. This past week an additional 28 envelopes were returned bringing the total of commitment envelopes to 292.

As a result the weekly collection has shown a marked increase with last week's collection being over \$14,000. This is most encouraging and helps us to meet our financial obligations while planning for future parish needs. We encourage you to sustain this much appreciated and needed increase.

I am also thankful to those who returned a commitment envelope and wrote a note as to their inability to increase their offering at this time. I am grateful for their ongoing financial support and love for the parish.

Again, thank you and God bless.

Msgr. Tosi



***ALL SAINTS COLLECTION ---***

Since the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Sunday, two envelopes have been included for your use. However, only one collection will be taken. Please place both envelopes in the one collection basket.

Thank you.



**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---**

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

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

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

**MASS COUNT ---**

As directed by the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office a count of all those attending Mass on the weekends of November 7 & 8 and November 14 & 15 will be taken throughout the parishes of the diocese. These figures will be used in future planning for the parishes.

**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.





## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ---**

The annual parish Food Drive will take place at all the Masses on the weekend of November 21st & 22nd. We are grateful to all the parish organizations cosponsoring this most important drive. More details about the drive will be included in next week's bulletin.

And don't forget ---

***THANKSGIVING DAY MASS***  
***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009***  
***AT***  
***9:30AM***

Please join us for this greatest act of thanksgiving to God the giver of all our gifts and blessings.



## **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.

## **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!



# FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

## 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, November 24th 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?---**

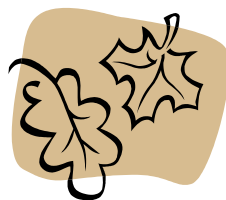
If you would like to register as a parishioner of Saint Luke Church you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and obtaining a form which can be returned in the Sunday collection, by mail or in person. After you register you will then receive weekly offering envelopes.

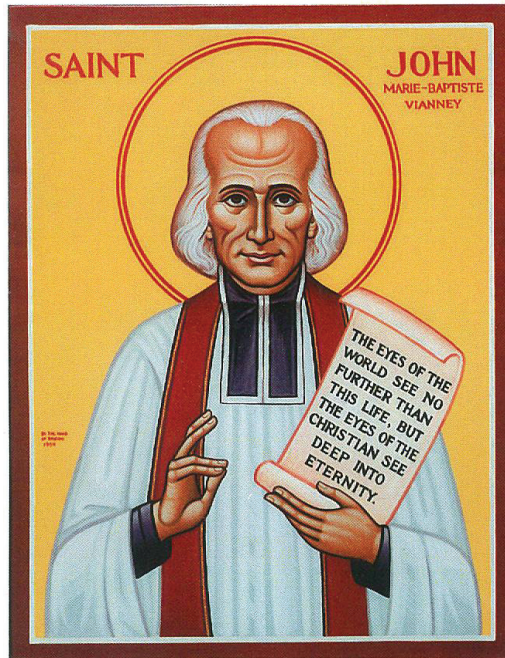
If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at (718) 746-8102.

### **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

*We are looking for vocations from our parish —*

*Do you know of any Priest or religious who were members of Saint Luke parish before they entered religious life or the seminary?*

*We know of three thus far:*

*Fathers Sweeney, Creagh and Donnelly  
but there must be more.*

*Please call Father Vincent or Valerie at the  
Rectory (718) 746-8102.*





*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*

*St. Luke's is pleased to announce the return of the Family Mass!*

*Scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11:45am. November's Family mass will be on November 15, 2009.*

*All families are welcome... none are too young or too old!*

*We've heard how special a time it is when a family sits together at the table to eat. Similarly, worshipping in prayer together provides Spiritual Food for your family's soul.*

*To make the family mass a success, we are asking families to participate each month as:*

*Lectors ♦ Ushers ♦ Bringing up the Offertory Gifts*

*We look forward to seeing you each month.*

*And please remember to join us immediately following each Family Mass in the Church basement for refreshments.*



*If your family is interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned ways, please fill out the bottom portion and return to the rectory (or place in collection basket) and someone will contact you.*

*Please consider sharing either your time or your talent! Thank You!*

*Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Adults' Names: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Childrens' Names (& Ages): \_\_\_\_\_*

# SAINT LUKE HOLY NIGHT-BRIGHT STAR CELEBRATION 2009

Help make our community radiant with the Light of Christ. Holy Night-Bright Star offers all our parishioners, friends and neighbors the opportunity to light up a tree by remembering or honoring the people that have touched our lives.

These Trees of Lights will be placed on the Great Lawn around the Parish Christmas Tree. In this way we can remember or honor those people dear to us while lighting the night for Christ – the true light of the world!

For a donation of \$250 you can dedicate a Tree of Lights in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Your donation will include:

1. One fresh cut 5 foot Christmas tree decorated with lights
2. A sign containing the name of your loved one on each tree
3. Assist with the lights and star for the Parish Tree
4. A Mass for all our loved ones will be celebrated at 5:00PM on the night of the lighting – Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

If you would like to donate a Tree of Lights for a loved one:

1. Complete, sign and return the below Sponsored Tree Form.
2. Please attach a check for \$250 payable to St. Luke Church.

Any questions --- please call the Rectory at 718-746-8102.

All are invited to sponsor a tree as a special way of saying "I'm thinking about you at Christmas."

There will be a limited number of Sponsored trees and those trees will be assigned on a first come basis. We are hoping that all Sponsored trees will be filled by November 30, 2009 and we therefore ask for your earliest response. This year's Holy Night-Bright Star display will run from December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are looking forward to your joining us in this year's celebration.

Please cut on line below.

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## Sponsored Tree Application

I/we would like to sponsor a tree in memory or in honor of:

Name of loved one \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





### *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.

### **THANK YOU ---**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Dillon Council for their generous donation of \$500 for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be able to continue to make shawls for the sick, lap robes for the Nursing Home, hats for newborns and those undergoing cancer treatment.

If you would like a prayer shawl or would like to make a donation, please contact Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at 718-746-8531.

### HIGH SCHOOL VOCATION RETREAT ---

### SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK ---

The Vocation Office is inviting young men of high school age from all across Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island to join seminarians and priests from our dioceses (Brooklyn and Queens and Rockville Centre) in a weekend retreat at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The retreat will begin at 9:00am on Saturday, November 14th and conclude with Mass at noon on Sunday, November 15th.

The retreat will offer time for prayer, Mass, and socializing, along with open discussions on the priesthood.

For further information or to register for this event, please contact: Vocation Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn no later than November 9th. Email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or phone: 718-827-2454.



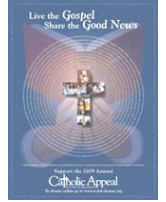
## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

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.



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## 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.

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## 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, November 17. 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](http://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](http://www.angelinaslynbrook.com)) Cost - \$55 per person - spouses and friends are welcome. For further information contact [ronanm@optonline.net](mailto: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](http://www.mygmwwme.org).





**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon. - Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40  
Tues. - Rom 12:5-16a; Lk 14:15-24  
Wed. - Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33  
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:**

**ANTHONY PRETTITORE**



**AND FOR THE DECEASED:**

**JAMES B. MAHONEY**

**MARIO PEZZULICH**



**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

**Monday, November 2**

**All Souls**

7:00am, 10:30am, 12 Noon & 7:30pm

**Tuesday, November 3**

8:30 Valentino Forgione

12:00 Deceased Members of the DiDonna Family

**Wednesday, November 4**

7:00 Michael Balbo

12:00 Joseph A. Tomasso

**Thursday, November 5**

8:30 Eddie Pompa & Rose Marchetti

12:00 Deceased Members of the D'Aguzzo Family

**Friday, November 6**

7:00 The Caringella & Milanese Families

8:30 Rose & Angelo Villani

12:00 Antonia & Gerlando Fanara

**Saturday, November 7**

8:30 Vincenzina, Antonio & Roberto Salvio

**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Breads are in memory of **ANN PORTANOVA** at the request of the Brintle & Scardamaglia Families; the Altar Wine is in memory of **MARIA CICERO** at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mattina; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **ROSARIO FUSCO** requested by QCC Basic Ed. Dept.; the candles are burning in memory of **THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SALVIO & MARTELLI FAMILIES** at the request of Christina & Patricia.




**FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB —**

The Flushing First Friday Club will meet on Friday, November 6 at 12:00 Noon for Mass at the Reception House on Northern Blvd. The speaker will be Rev. Joseph Holcomb, Pastor of St. Andrew Avellino Church. Cost is \$20 per person.



**HEALING MASS ---**

 There will be a Healing Mass at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston on Tuesday, November 10 celebrated by Fr. Augustine Fernando. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service begin at 7:00pm. For more information contact the Immaculate Conception Center at 718-229-8001.

**INFORMATION NIGHT ---**


Holy Cross High School Information Night will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30pm. For further information call Mr. Gilvary at (718) 886-7250, Ext. 525.



**“THREE THINGS TALKS” at St. John’s University ---**

The “Three Things Talks” is a series which addresses issues of Catholic belief and teaching. The topic of the series is “The Liturgical Year”. The talks are primarily intended for adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith, and also for those who are interested in what Catholic believe. The series will be presented on Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 1pm at St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus of St. John’s University. For more information, contact Sue Scalososi at (718) 990-3004 or by e-mail [scalos@stjohns.edu](mailto:scalos@stjohns.edu). There is no charge for this series.

**ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES ---**

 Is offering free mental health counseling and psychological assessments to military personnel and their families. For more information, call 718-990-1900.

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