

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



Soon it will be Thanksgiving! Fall is my favorite time of the year. Although the Fall passes quickly with the start of a new pastoral year and for some a gloomy time with the passing of summer and the start of winter, for me it is a time of rich colors, brisk weather, deep blue skies with golden sun and bright moonlit nights. Fall is the time of bounty - the gathering in of the harvest and the sharing of so many gifts and blessings in the bringing together of family and friends around the table of plenty. Fall is a time to remember and give thanks especially to God - the One from whom all blessings flow.

I would invite you to join us for ***Thanksgiving Day Mass***

*on*

***Thursday, November 26th at 9:30am***

Please extend this invitation to your family, friends and neighbors. We have so much for which to be thankful. While these may be difficult times, we as individuals, parish and nation need to remember the blessings which are ours and thank the giver - Almighty God! On Thanksgiving Day there will be only the one Mass at 9:30am. What better way to express our thankfulness than to celebrate our praise and thanks to God at Mass.

November also marks the end of the Liturgical Year with the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King on Sunday, November 22nd; November also marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent on November 29th. And then soon it will be Christmas!

And so we give thanks in all of this for the greatest gift - the gift of God's love and salvation in Christ. Life itself is God's gift - human life and divine life is ours by the goodness and graciousness of God. God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

***AN ALL SOULS REFLECTION ---***

On Monday, November 2nd - All Souls Day - like so many other Catholics I went to the cemetery to visit the graves of my deceased loved ones especially the grave of my beloved parents - Lucy and Enrico. For some reason I was compelled this year to visit the other family graves in Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery in Flushing - of my maternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends - even the grave of the priest who preached at my First Mass who died at a very young age. I also visited and prayed at the grave of Msgr. Francis J. Dillon who, as many of you well know, was pastor of Saint Luke for 46 years! I prayed for the parish and all of you for which he gave almost his entire life - and for me that with his help and intercession I might be a good pastor and to the best of my ability serve all entrusted to my care. It was for me a moment of grace and emotion standing at the grave of a former Saint Luke pastor who well knows the joys and challenges of such a ministry. I felt so close to Msgr. - a person and priest I never knew. Such is the gift of our Catholic faith.

**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>Nov. 1, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$15,407</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,726</b>	<b>769</b>

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**PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM ---**

What can I say but *Thank You!* This past week an additional 19 commitment envelopes were returned bringing the total to 311.

Your generous response to this appeal for increased weekly offering is yet another witness of your love for a parish we call home. I am humbled by your response even in difficult times. Once again the weekly collection shows a marked increase - over \$15,000. I encourage you to sustain this needed increase which enables us to meet our financial obligations.

Working together sharing our time, talent and finances we ensure the stability and growth of the parish - its ability to be a vital presence of the Good News of Christ.

Of course there is still time to return your commitment envelope.

Again, thank you.

***NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE?***

A cleaning company has been hired to clean the church on a weekly basis. The church will now be cleaned on Monday and Friday of each week ensuring the proper care of our beautiful church building. This cleaning includes both the church itself and the lower meeting space which is being used more and more by the school for meetings, refreshments, etc. Hopefully, you will see the difference in the way the church looks!



***The Little Sisters of the Poor ---***

Will be visiting our Parish next weekend. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The Sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. There the residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. The Sisters will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to receive your donations. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you!

***The Little Sisters of the Poor ---***

Invite you to their Annual Christmas Sale on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 10am to 4pm at Queen of Peace Residence, 110-30 221st St., Queens Village, N.Y. You'll find beautiful handmade holiday gifts, wood crafts, ornaments, ceramics, music boxes, delicious baked goods and much more!

The Little Sisters of the Poor to benefit the elderly residents at Queen of Peace Residence are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Turkey & Ham Drop on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10am to 4pm.

For additional information on either of these events please call (718) 464-1800.



**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.



**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.*

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---**

During the month of October the following Sacraments were celebrated:

10 Baptisms                      11 Funerals                      7 Weddings

**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!

**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 &amp; 27</i>
<i>Jan. 11</i>	<i>Jan. 10 &amp; 24</i>
<i>Feb. 8</i>	<i>Feb. 14 &amp; 28</i>

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

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**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.



"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink."



# Thanksgiving Food Drive

**In order to make the food available to those in need on Thanksgiving Day,  
we are collecting the weekend before Thanksgiving.**

**(On Thanksgiving Day, bring only the food to be blessed for your table.)**

**We will be collecting food for the poor on  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT THE 5 PM MASS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AT ALL THE MASSES**

**We are hoping to collect non-perishable Thanksgiving meal  
fixings, but all non-perishable foods are welcome.**

**We appreciate your support and generosity.**

**Sponsored by:**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**St. Luke Athletic Association**

**St. Luke Girl, Boy, & Cub Scouts**

**St. Luke Golden Age**

**The Knights of Columbus**

**The Respect Life Group**

**St. Luke School of Religion**



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Reaching the world for Him**

**Loving is the art of caring**

**Caring is the art of sharing**

**Sharing is the art of living**

**Living is the art of loving**



**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS ---**



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available to make a friendly telephone call or “stop and chat” visit with our homebound parishioners. If you or anyone you know are interested, please call the Rectory at 718-746-8102. Leave your name and number and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will contact you.

**FOR COMMUNION CALLS ---**

If you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory or Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. to make arrangements for a communion call. The priests of the parish are most happy to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot get to church. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring communion.

**URGENT REQUEST!**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to inform Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. of all their communion calls. No Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion has the permission of Msgr. Tosi to bring Holy Communion if they have not first notified Sister Catherine. You are asked to inform Sister of any changes to your Communion calls so that up to date records can be kept.

This is a very serious obligation on the part of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Any questions, please call Sr. Catherine at 718-746-8531.

***Installation of New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion --***

Nearly 20 parishioners have responded to the call to serve the parish in this important ministry. They are now in a program of preparation required by both the diocese and parish.

Upon completion of this preparation they will be installed by Msgr. Tosi on Sunday, November 22 at the 1pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

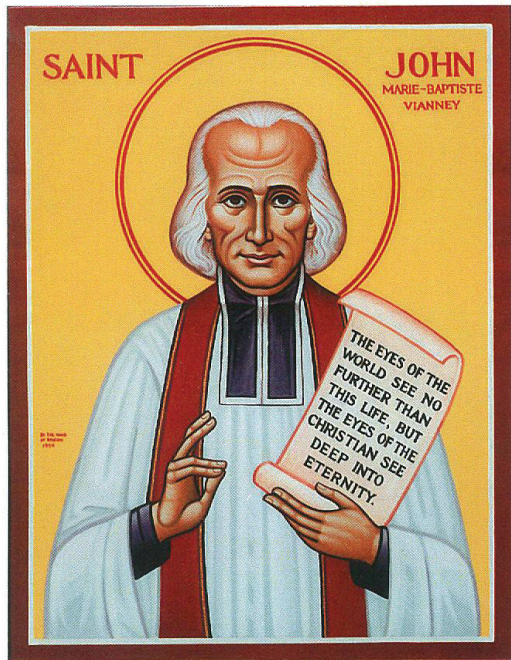
**St. Luke’s Athletic Association - Developmental Swimming ---**

Registration for Session 2 of Developmental Swimming will be held on Nov. 14, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12 at Bayside High School from 3-4:30pm. Space is limited. Fee is \$140 payable by check. For further information please go to [www.slaacyo.org](http://www.slaacyo.org) and click on Developmental Swimming.



**The Lay Carmelites, St. Luke Chapter**

***will meet on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 7:00pm in the church.***



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.*

#### **PLANNING WEDDING MUSIC AT ST. LUKE CHURCH**

Among her responsibilities, Jessica Tranzillo Smith, Director of Music at St. Luke will assist engaged couples with all music arrangements for their wedding at the church. As Music Director she acts as cantor/soloist for all weddings and she will help choose vocal and organ music appropriate for Weddings. Consultation with Jessica is required before any musicians and/or soloists are hired from outside the St. Luke Music staff.

Jessica will answer questions or discuss wedding music by appointment. Please call the Music Office at 718-746-3862.



**ART EXHIBIT**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009**  
**10:00AM-3:00PM**  
**CHURCH BASEMENT**



You are cordially invited to an outstanding art exhibit showcasing the talents of artists from the Whitestone Senior Center including several members of our parish. You and your friends can meet the artists and enjoy viewing their impressive art work. We would be most pleased if you would join us for this inspiring day. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.



*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 12th, 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 possible response. This year's Holy Night-Bright Star display will run from December 12th, 2009 to January 10th, 2010. We are looking forward to your joining us in this year's celebration.

*Please cut on line below.*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 27 a total of \$142,451.84 has been pledged from 578 donors with \$127,953.50 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.



## 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.



## HIGH SCHOOL VOCATION RETREAT ---

### SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HUNTINGTON, N.Y.

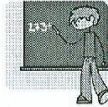
The Vocation Office is inviting young men of high school age from all across Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island to join seminarians and priests from our dioceses (Brooklyn and Queens and Rockville Centre) in a weekend retreat at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. The retreat will 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.



**ST. LUKE SCHOOL**  
***WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET***  
718-746-3833      [www.SaintLukeOnline.com](http://www.SaintLukeOnline.com)



**St. Luke School**  
**Intermediate Math Bee**

St. Luke School held its Intermediate Math Bee on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium. The fifteen participants were from grades four through six. After twelve rounds the first place winner prevailed: **Frank D'Elia** from grade four! **Aisling McDonagh** took second place and **Sabrina Blaskovic**, earned a well-deserved third place finish.

Frank D'Elia will go on to represent St. Luke School at the Regional Math Bee at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School in November.

**Congratulations to all!**

**ART CALENDAR WINNER**

**Congratulations to Joseph Pellarin, of our fifth grade, who is one of the Sergeants Benevolent Association's Art Calendar winners. Joseph and his family have been invited to a reception where he will receive a prize for his winning art work.**

***SAVE THE DATE***

*St. Luke School*

*Annual Fashion Show*

*"A Red Carpet Event"*

***April 23, 2010***

***Immaculate Conception Center***

***Douglaston***

**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.



**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.



**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 9, 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.





**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon. - Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Tues. - Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10  
Wed. - Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19  
Thurs.- Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25  
Fri. - Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37  
Sat. - Wis 18:14-16; 19; 6-9; Lk 18:1-8



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:**

**ANTHONY PRETTITORE**

**THOMAS GEORGE BREEN**



**AND FOR THE DECEASED:**

**MARIA CICOLINI**

**CATHERINE M. KING**

**ROSE TRIGNANI**

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

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**Monday, November 9**

7:00 John & Elena Sterlini  
12:00 Lawrence Carroll

**Tuesday, November 10**

8:30 Joseph Keyes (Anniversary)  
12:00 Deceased Members of the Nicoletta & Varlese Families

**Wednesday, November 11**

7:00 Anthony Bellomo  
12:00 Milan Honovic

**Thursday, November 12**

8:30 Deceased Members of the Gargano Family  
12:00 Willy Toborg

**Friday, November 13**

7:00 Julia Boglioli  
12:00 Frank Latkowski

**Saturday, November 14**

8:30 Paul E. Paladino (3rd Anniversary)

**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Breads are in memory of **AMERICO DEANGELIS** at the request of Cosmo & Marie DiTucci; the Altar Wine is in memory of **JOSEPH COLALILLO** at the request of Dolores Colalillo; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **CAROL HAMILTON** at the request of the Giobbe, Wallner and Pantaleo Families; the candles are burning in memory of **JOSEPH COLALILLO** at the request of Lorianne, Hans, Anthony & Kim.



### 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.

### ***“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 Catholics 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 Scalossi at (718) 990-3004 or by e-mail [scalalos@stjohns.edu](mailto:scalalos@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.



### ***HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS ---***

Come pray and sacrifice for the unborn on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the monthly Prayer Vigil with Bishop Thomas Daily and Officer Steven McDonald at St. Patrick Church, 39-38 29th St., Long Island City. Mass begins at 7:30am followed by Exposition and procession and return to church for Benediction.

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ---**

Spiritual Director Fr. Peter Gillen - April 12-21, 2010 - Price from JFK \$2,999 per person, double occupancy. For more info call Achille & Gina at 718-423-5077.

### **ALZHEIMER’S ADULT DAY PROGRAM**

You can bring your loved one to our program with confidence while you take care of personal business, to work or just to be alone for a few hours to regroup. The program is open Mon.-Fri 10am-4pm at 157-16 65th Avenue, Flushing (718) 358-3541. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, funded by the New York City Department for the Aging.

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