

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.



*The church possesses both water and tears:
the water of baptism, the tears of penance.
St. Ambrose*



In this short sentence, St. Ambrose puts well the true meaning of the Season of Lent which the church begins this coming Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent can only be truly understood if placed in the context of Baptism.

Lent originated in the church as a time of proximate preparation for those adults who had been preparing for initiation into Christ and the church over a number of years. After the completion of their Lenten 40 days, these people known as catechumens would be initiated at the Easter Vigil with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - known as the Sacraments of Initiation.

As church practice changed and the norm became the baptism of infants, Lent took on a new character and purpose. Lent now became a season for those already baptized who had fallen into sin to seek reconciliation with God and others and renewal in grace. Thus the victory of Christ over sin first brought to light in baptism is continued in the church especially in the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

Thus the reception of Ashes expressed the human condition as affected by sin. In the sign of ashes we profess our sin before God. And more--- the cross expresses our hope in the Lord who is kind and compassionate, patient and abounding in mercy. Ashes and Cross express well our desire for inward conversion, renewal and growth in holiness. Not an impossible dream but a very possible way of life not because of our ability but by God's gracious gift - and our cooperation.

May we who begin once again this Lenten journey of 40 days keep our eyes on the joy of Easter so that renewed in mind and spirit we may share more deeply the waters of Baptism by the tears of our penance.

God bless.

one another,

Let us pray for

ASH WEDNESDAY

Schedule of Masses

***7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12 Noon,
4:00pm Prayer Service & 7:30pm***

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.



LENT & EASTER 2010



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays after the 12 Noon Mass
February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:30pm

February 19 - Parish
February 26 - Disciples in Mission
March 5 - Family
March 12 - Liturgical Ministers
March 19 - Prayer Groups
March 26 - Family

ITALIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday evenings at 7:30pm
February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

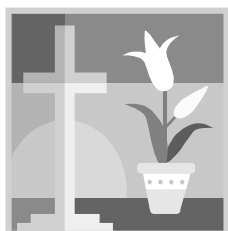
Lenten Faith Sharing Program
See Bulletin Flyer for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Luke in Lent - Scripture Study of the Lenten Gospels
February 16, March 9 & 16 Fr. Chirichella
February 23 & March 2 Fr. Dettmer

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
Tuesday afternoons
3:00PM-5:30pm



Save the Dates!

Join us each month at the Family Mass
(11:45am) on the following dates!

February 21st In preparation for Easter,
(1st Sunday of Lent) Monsignor Tosi will talk to the
children about Baptism.



March 28th Children are invited to walk in
(Palm Sunday) the Palm Procession.



April 18th Eggs will be distributed to
celebrate the Easter season.



May 9th Honor the Blessed Mother
(Mother's Day) and all Mothers.



June 20th Remember St. Joseph and
(Father's Day) all Fathers.



We hope to see  all families there!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

St. Luke's Disciples In Mission
invites you to join with us in our
Lenten Faith Sharing Program.

It is an opportunity
to know the Lord your God in a deeper way
and to come together with your fellow parishioners
in small groups
to prayerfully read and reflect
on the Sunday scripture readings
and share in their meaning and application
in our everyday life.



Each group meets
once a week for about one hour
at a Group Leader's home
beginning the first week of Lent
and extending throughout the six weeks of Lent.

This will be our 11th Year.

Won't you consider participating this Lent?

For more information, please call the Rectory at 718-746-8102

February 7 Collection	Amount Needed
\$13,701.50	\$13,000
Catholic School Education Collection	\$4,129
Envelopes Mailed	Envelopes Received
1,750	710

SECOND COLLECTION ---

Next weekend, February 20 & 21, there will be a second collection taken up for the Support of Home Missions Black & Indian. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

In observance of Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15, the Rectory Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 16 at 9:00am.



PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th anniversary are invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Our Lady of Angels Church, located at 7320 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn at 11:00AM. Please call the Rectory at 718-746-8102 to register no later than Friday, March 26. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with Bishop DiMarzio who will celebrate Mass.



TODAY IS VALENTINES'S DAY ---



What better time to remember those special people who enrich our lives by their love and friendship. What better way to remember our loved ones than to remember them in prayer especially at Mass. The heart is the symbol perhaps most associated with Valentine's Day. May we hold those we love (and who love us) in our heart - loving them in word - and deed. Let us look to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the symbol of the One who loves us more than anyone else!

Happy Valentine's Day!!

FAMILY MASS ---

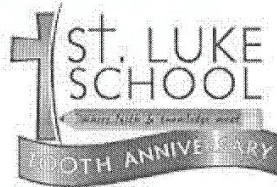
Will be celebrated nest Sunday, February 21st at 11:45AM. All are invited to join in this Mass especially those families with young children. See bulletin flyer for additional information.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTORS ---

The Little Black Book for Lent and Easter are in the sacristy. Please pick up your copy and sign the sheet.





Save the Date

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
NORTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
MANHASSET, NEW YORK
6:30PM TO MIDNIGHT

*T*he gala will commemorate the 100 years St. Luke School has provided a Catholic education to its students. Proceeds raised will benefit the school and enable us to continue to remain an educational institution where faith and knowledge meet.

Since 1910, St. Luke School has provided its students with a Catholic atmosphere that nurtures the growth and development of the whole person: intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. St. Luke School is a Catholic institution of learning that is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools serving the needs of children from nursery to grade eight.

TICKETS, SPONSORSHIPS AND JOURNAL AD OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
For more information call HJMT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC at 516-997-1950

St. Luke School Fundraising Committee
Cordially invites you to attend
St. Luke School
4th Annual Fashion Show

“A Red Carpet Event”

Friday, April 23, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Center
7200 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, New York

Fashions are provided by “Cacheé”

Enjoy a fun filled evening of Good Company,
Good Food, Raffles Prizes and Beautiful Fashions.
Cocktail Hour, Full Buffet Dinner, Open Bar
& Desserts will be served.

\$60.00 Admission Per Person

Adult Reception!

Reserve your seat today
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Call St. Luke School at 718-746-3833



**Need Based
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

for

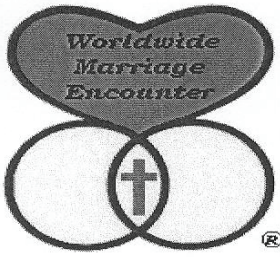
St. Luke School

Applications will be available
in the Spring

All funding for financial assistance and allocation of these funds is determined by PSAS (Private School Aid Service).

Financial need is based on a variety of financial components including family size, income, assets and other data.

For more information, please call the school at (718) 746-3833.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Perfect Gift of Love

February 12-14, 2010

April 16-18, 2010

August 6-8, 2010

November 5-7, 2010

www.wwme.org
www.mygmgwwme.org

Refresh your relationship

Weekend Description

The weekend is designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The weekend is free from everyday routines, distractions and tensions.

An atmosphere is created where husband and wife can concentrate exclusively on one another in a private, confidential environment.

A series of presentations that touch on many aspects of marriage is given by three couples and a Catholic priest.

After each presentation, husband & wife have time, in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing using the communication techniques learned on the weekend.

There are no "group discussions"

The weekend starts at 7:30PM on Friday and runs until 4:00PM on Sunday.

All faith expressions are welcome!

❖ TAKE A NEW LOOK AT YOUR MARRIAGE, PRIORITIES and LIFESTYLE

❖ LEARN SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES

❖ ENHANCE THE LOVE THAT YOU SHARE

❖ REDISCOVER YOUR HOPES and DREAMS

"I rediscovered a passion and urgency to be with my wife that I hadn't felt since we were dating."

You will benefit if . . .

- ❖ YOU WANT TO ENRICH A GOOD MARRIAGE
- ❖ YOU WANT TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN YOUR COMMUNICATION
- ❖ YOU WANT TO LEARN TO LOVE MORE DEEPLY

WANT TO ATTEND? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call us at 877-697-9963

email us at marriageencounterbq@gmail.com

Or mail registration form to:
Vinny & Cathy Losito-WWME
 64-23 232nd Street,
 Bayside NY 11364

"Our Weekend was a gift from heaven... my eyes were opened to a whole new world of living"

Weekend Application Form

(Please Print)

His First Name _____ Her First Name _____

Last Name _____ Wedding Date _____

Home Phone _____ Which weekend? _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parish/Church/Synagogue _____

His Faith _____ Her Faith _____

Make Check Payable to: **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**
 Mail to registration couple (above) with \$100.00 Non-Refundable Application Fee

Is your marriage tearing you apart?



Retrouvaille
is a program for
marriages in trouble.

It offers a lifeline to couples
suffering with relationship problems.

This program will help you
rediscover each other,
examine your life and
Learn to communicate
more effectively.

It will also help you in healing past hurts
and forgiving past grievances.

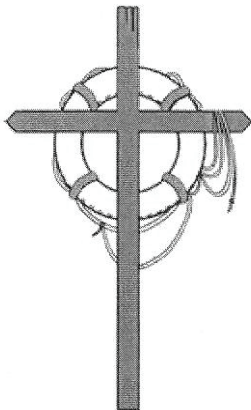
No group discussions;
your privacy will be respected.

Upcoming Weekends

3/12-14/2010	Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston-Queens
5/21-23/2010	Montfort Retreat House, Bayshore, Long Island
9/10-12/2010	Montfort Retreat House, Bayshore, Long Island
12/3-5/2010	Montfort Retreat House, Bayshore, Long Island

Contact: Jimmy & Kathleen Aspenleiter 516-305-5781
Email: 3028@retrouvaille.org

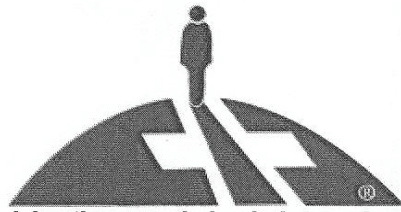
What is a Retrouvaille Program?



The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers the tools needed to rediscover a loving relationship and help you put your marriage in order again. Thousands of couples headed for unloving relationships, separation or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. It consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

www.retrouvaille.org

1-800-470-2230



Beginning Experience®

A hurting people healed, transformed, and free again to love themselves, others, and God.

Widowed Separated Divorced **Help for the heartache of finding yourself alone again**

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in nearly unbearable feelings of loneliness and grief. Many people who have suffered this kind of loss feel uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures.

The **Beginning Experience weekend** helps grieving single-again individuals emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. It facilitates the grief resolution process for adults and children who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others and God. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in Christian tradition, this ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths.

The weekend is designed to be a time of closure on the past and renewed hope for the future.

Upcoming Weekends

February 19-21, 2010

August 20-22, 2010

Location: Montfort Retreat House, Bayshore, Long Island

Phone: 1-718-474-3779 -Jim
 1-516-822-0635 -John
 1-201-865-6784 - Karen

Email: beginningexperienceceli@hotmail.com

A weekend away for a lifetime of change.

www.beginningexperience.org



**5th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE ---
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010
Cardinal Spellman High School - Bronx, New York**

This conference is co-sponsored by the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (M.I.C.), The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (C.F.R.), and the Divine Mercy Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

For information and registration (including optional bus transportation) call 1-800-462-7426. Online at www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ---

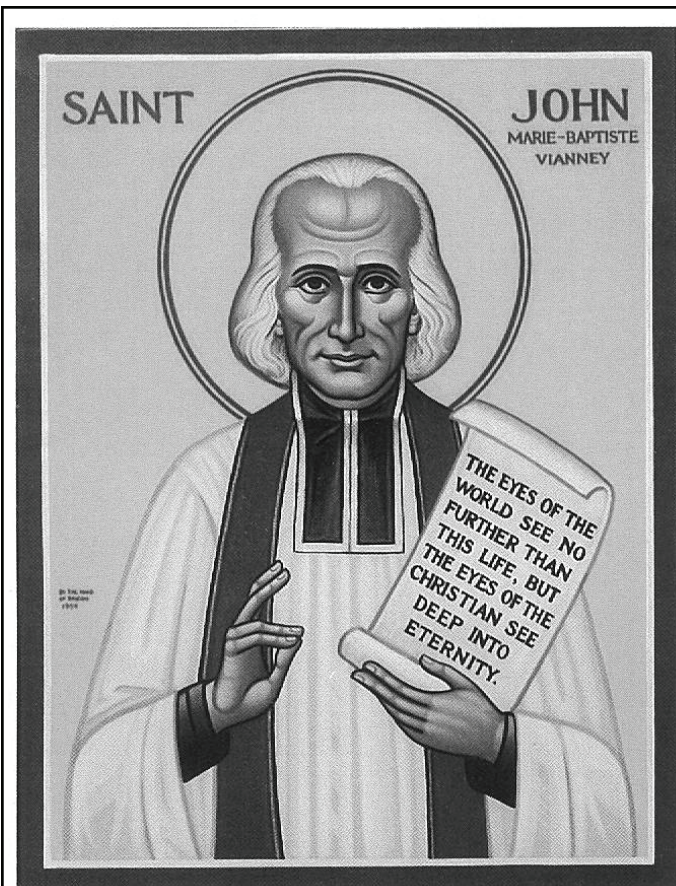
The Little Sisters of the Poor have two upcoming events to benefit their elderly poor at Queen of Peace Residence, 110-30 221 Street, Queens Village, New York.

The Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner will be held on Friday, February 19 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Queen of Peace Residence. Tickets are \$15 each and advanced reservations are required. For more information, please call the Development Office at (718) 464-1800.

The Irish Night Celebration with dinner and dancing will take place on Friday, March 10 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at Antun's of Queens Village (96-43 Springfield Blvd.). Enjoy traditional Irish fare and entertainment provided by Irish Mist. Tickets are \$40 each and advanced reservations are required. For more information please call the Development Office at Queen of Peace at (718) 464-1800, ext. 2544.

All proceeds benefit the elderly Residents at Queen of Peace.





“God loves us more than the best of fathers, and more tenderly than the most devoted of mothers. We have only then to abandon ourselves to his will with the heart of a child.”

The Cure of Ars

The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST ---

“They walked among us” Brother Priests...Saints too?

Saint James Cathedral, 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Solemn Evening Prayer & Presentation

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 4:00pm - “Felix Varela” - Bishop Octavio Cisneros

Sunday, March 14, 2010 - 4:00pm - “Bishop Ford” - Bishop Ignatius Catanello

Sunday, March 21, 2010 - 4:00pm - “Msgr. Quinn” - Msgr. Paul Jervis

BISHOP DIMARZIO’S VOCATION RETREAT - FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010

Cathedral Seminary Residence, Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston

The Retreat is open to men who are high school seniors and older and includes Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations designed to help participants discern their future vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop DiMarzio. Contact the Fr. Kevin Sweeney, Vocation Director at the Vocation Office (718) 827-2454.

Email: vocations@diobrook.org

Website: www.BrooklynPriests.org

MUSIC MINISTRY CONTINUES ITS VISIT OF MASSES ---

The Choir will be visiting the following Masses:

Adult Choir Saturday, February 20 5:00pm Mass
(The Children's Choir will be singing Sunday, Feb. 21 at 11:45am)

Folk Group Saturday, March 6 5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir Sunday, March 7 10:30am Mass



January 2010

Wonderful People in St Lukes,

Dear Generous Supporters of Hour Children,

New Year's blessings and graces in abundance. Please excuse the delay in our beautiful expression of gratitude for making the miracle of Christmas happen for our mothers and children. Life, with all its beauty, challenges and hopes has been alive and well in full force.

Because of the caring efforts of your families beautiful toys and clothing delighted 300+ children at our Christmas Party; provided a sense of awe and wonder to the 75+ children who call us "HOME", (our five residences and their mothers); brought cries of glee and gratitude to countless children who visited their mothers inside NYS prisons over the holidays. We were even able to share our bounty with the poor in our neighbored community.

Your gifts keep giving and to quote a recent Benetvision newsletter:

"You model to us all the road of faith it takes to trust your own future to God when it would seem a great deal more prudent to take care of it yourself by forgetting everyone else"

The works of mercy in action!

As 2010 unfolds may each day be graced with peace for you and your families as we grow together in a deeper understanding of all that God calls us to be.

With gratitude and hope,

Sister Tessa
Sister Tessa and All at Hour Children

*Beautiful gifts! Grateful
that you share our lives
Blessing!*

P.S. Please visit us during the year to see the fruit of your kindness!



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM---

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

<u>Baptism Class</u>	<u>Baptism Sunday</u>
Mon., March 15	March 14
	March 21
Mon., April 19	April 18
	April 25
Mon., May 17	May 16
	May 23

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at 718-746-8531.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ---

Join the St. Luke Golden Age Club for a bus trip to the Showboat Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Bus leaves 8:00am SHARP!! Cost is \$25 per person. For more info, please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.



THE XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND ---

Has a large lending library of books in Braille, large print and audio CD's. They record ten periodicals (some weekly, some monthly and some quarterly), and provide the Mass readings for Sundays and Feast days in all three formats. Mailing is free to and from people certified as blind (which can also include having partial vision or having difficulty dealing with traditional print because of other physical ailments, dyslexia or other impediments). To register and get a free catalogue of books and periodicals and other items available, call (212) 473-7800 or (800) 637-9193. There is a web site at

www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.
Email: info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.



**TRIP TO ITALY ---
July 13-24, 2010**

Coordinators: Br. Dominic, O.S.F., and Fr. Bill Sweeney, chaplain at St. Francis Prep. Padua, Venice, Ravenna, Florence, Assisi & Rome. Contact Fr. Sweeney at (718) 423-8810 for more information.





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.- Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tues.- Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wed. - JI 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs.- Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri. - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sat. - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**CHARLIE DOONAN
JOSEPHINE MADDI
JENNIE ROMANO
ALFRED MONTELEONE
COSMO DITUCCI
GRACE GAMBY
SARA DARAB**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

Collective Intentions Mass ---
The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 28 at 1:00pm.

At this Mass we pray for:

FRANK & VIRGINIA MCGOURTY

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010

Monday, February 15

7:00 Gioacchino & Rosina Paolini
12:00 John Dorcic

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 Peter Boyle (Anniversary)
12:00 Ana & Carlo Trdoslavic & family

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12 Noon,
4:00pm Prayer Service & 7:30pm

Thursday, February 18

8:30 Frank Costanza (Anniversary)
12:00 Giuseppina, Antonio & Alfonso Colalillo

Friday, February 19

7:00 Evelyn Rice (43rd Anniversary)
12:00 Theresa & John Vosilla (Birthday)

Saturday, February 20

8:30 Dolores Smith

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is in memory of **MARION & CHARLES SAFFER** at the request of the Colombo & Sheridan Families; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **MARION & CHARLES SAFFER** at the request of the Colombo & Sheridan Families.





Community News

BISHOP McDONNELL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION ---

Will be held on Saturday, March 27 from noon to 5pm at the former Bishop McDonnell building. Classes graduating in years ending in "0 and 5" will be honored. All graduates of 30's and 40's classes are welcome. For info contact Rita Monaghan-Maloney at 718-857-2700, ext. 2253 or rmaloney@blmns.org.



HEALING MASS ---

A Healing Mass will be celebrated at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm by Fr. Augustine Fernando. For more info please call 718-229-8001.



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER --

Will be sponsoring free speech and hearing screenings from February 1, 2010 through May 3, 2010. Please call (718) 990-6480 for an appointment and directions. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.



YEAR OF THE PRIEST PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE ---

Join Fr. Thomas Gilbert with Seminarian Sean Suckiel for the Year of the Priest Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Ars, Paray le Monial, Nevers, Mont St. Michel & Paris. May 10-19, 2010. Cost: \$2,979 per person from New York. For additional information or to make a reservation please call Sean Suckiel at (718) 278-1834 or Fr. Thomas Gilbert at (718) 849-4048.



THE CATHOLIC SPEAKERS SERIES PRESENTS ---

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD: THE FAMILY AND THE CULTURE OF LIFE"

Speaking on "Down Syndrome Children and their Mothers" on Sunday, February 21 from 2pm-4pm at Mary's Nativity Parish Conference Center, Parsons Boulevard and 46th Ave. Light refreshments at 1:30pm. Questions and discussion time included. Raffle. Jointly sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Joint Parish Respect Life Committee. Please call (718) 939-6646.