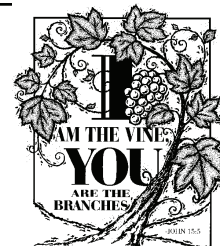


*Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.*



*I am the vine, you are the branches.  
He who lives in me and I in him,  
will produce abundantly for apart from me  
you can do nothing.*

*(John 15, 1-11)*



On Wednesday, February 17 the church begins the holy Season of Lent. The acceptance of ashes and the tears of penance provides a special time of 40 days to reclaim our dignity as God's children which is ours through the water of Baptism. The words of John remind us of the gift of Baptism - God shares His very life with us. We are in a very real sense born again - to an eternal life - with our sins forgiven!

Lent calls us to honestly face how we have been living as a branch united to the vine the Lord Jesus. It is not all negative - only about our sins. Rather Lent is a realistic evaluation of both our strengths and weaknesses; our good and bad; our sins and our virtues.

Lent should move us to put the focus of our lives on God - who promises us great blessing. Too often I am afraid we focus not on the Lord but on our sins. Our sins must always be seen in our relationship to God who first loved us.

The parish will provide a number of opportunities for spiritual growth - Stations of the Cross; small groups scripture reflection on the Sunday Scripture (known as Disciples In Mission); Exposition and quiet adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (in addition to the usual Eucharistic Adoration on First Friday) and even a chance to once again join Fathers David and Vincent in a weekly scripture study.

Of course, all this is in addition to primary Lenten practice - the Sunday celebration of Mass. It is the Mass from which we gain the true Christian Spirit.

Listen to the words of Jesus from the parable of the Vine and the Branches:

*All this I tell you  
that my joy may be yours  
and your joy may be complete.*

May this Lenten Season help us to find joy in the Lord

God bless.

one another,

Let us pray for

*Mssgr. Tom*

**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**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12 NOON,  
4:00PM PRAYER SERVICE & 7:30PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**WEDNESDAYS AFTER THE 12 NOON MASS**  
**FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17 & 24**

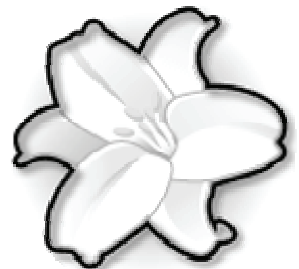
**FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:30PM**  
**FEBRUARY 19 & 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**ITALIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**MONDAY EVENINGS AT 7:30PM**  
**FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22**

**DISCIPLES IN MISSION**  
**LENTEN FAITH SHARING PROGRAM**

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**LUKE IN LENT**  
**SCRIPTURE STUDY OF THE LENTEN GOSPELS**  
**PRESENTED BY FATHERS DETTMER & CHIRICHELLA**  
**FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 16**

**COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?**  
**QUIET PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**  
**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**3:00PM-5:30PM**



<b>January 31 Collection</b> \$12,275	<b>Amount Needed</b> \$13,000
<b>Envelopes Mailed</b> 1,750	<b>Envelopes Received</b> 706

**2009  
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
TOP FIVE PARISHES**

<b>Dollars Received</b>	
<b>Parish</b>	<b>Received</b>
St. Joan of Arc	\$204,230.00
St. Sebastian	\$193,889.00
St. Patrick - Brooklyn	\$191,867.00
St. Ephrem	\$175,983.00
St. Luke	\$149,327.00

<b>Number of Gifts</b>	
<b>Parish</b>	<b>Received</b>
Our Lady of Sorrows	1760
St. Joan of Arc	1129
St. Sebastian	846
Blessed Sacrament (Jackson Heights)	697
St. Luke	603

***God, our Father,  
Source of all love and giver of all good  
gifts, we ask your blessing on those who re-  
sponded to this year's Annual Catholic Ap-  
peal.***

***May the ministries which are made possible  
through this Appeal help to build up your  
Kingdom here on earth. Strengthen our  
faith, Father, so that we can continue to put  
our faith into action.***

***Father, help us to Live the Gospel and to  
Share the Good News as, together, we strive  
to meet the needs of your people here in  
Brooklyn and Queens.***

***We ask this, as we ask you everything,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen***

***SECOND COLLECTION ---***

This weekend, February 6 & 7 there will be a second collection taken up for the Support of Catholic School Education in the diocese. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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***NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAIL-  
ABLE FOR ST. LUKE SCHOOL ---***

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. Applications will be available in the Spring.

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***RETREAT REUNION ---***

All those who made the 12 Week Retreat in Daily Life in the Fall are invited to a Reunion of your Retreat group on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00PM or Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00AM in the Rectory. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Mary Naughton at 646-633-3810 or [maryn@verizon.net](mailto:maryn@verizon.net).

***EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF  
HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS ---***

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

***LAY CARMELITE, ST. LUKE CHAPTER***

Will meet on Friday, February 12, at 7:00pm in the church.





# 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 11<sup>th</sup> Year.

Won't you consider participating this Lent?

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





# Catholic High School Scholarships

**St. Luke School is pleased to announce that  
our Eighth Grade has achieved  
100% acceptance into Catholic High Schools  
for September 2010!  
We are very proud of their accomplishments!**

The following students of the Class of 2009 were awarded scholarships:

<b>Massimo Antonelli</b>	<b>Regis High School – Full Scholarship</b>
<b>Katie Bowles</b>	<b>Chaminade High School</b>
	<b>Convent of the Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>St. Agnes Academic High School - Full Scholarship</b>
	<b>The Mary Louis Academy</b>
<b>Anthony DeToma</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Stephen Dierks</b>	<b>St. Francis Prep High School – Full Scholarship</b>
<b>Santina DiMaggio</b>	<b>St. Agnes Academic High School</b>
	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Steven Dimaris</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Daniela Franceschetti</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Marissa Hili</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>David Lago</b>	<b>Holy Cross High School</b>
	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Huy Nguyen</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Dariel Nunez</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Andrea Panaitescu</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Olivia Schultze</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
	<b>St. Agnes Academic High School</b>
	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Daniel Sommer</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Lisa Ventura</b>	<b>St. Agnes Academic High School</b>
	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>
<b>Matthew Walsh</b>	<b>St. Mary's High School</b>



# 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.

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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 “*Caché*”

*Enjoy a fun filled evening of Good Company,  
Good Food, Raffles Prizes and Beautiful Fashions.*

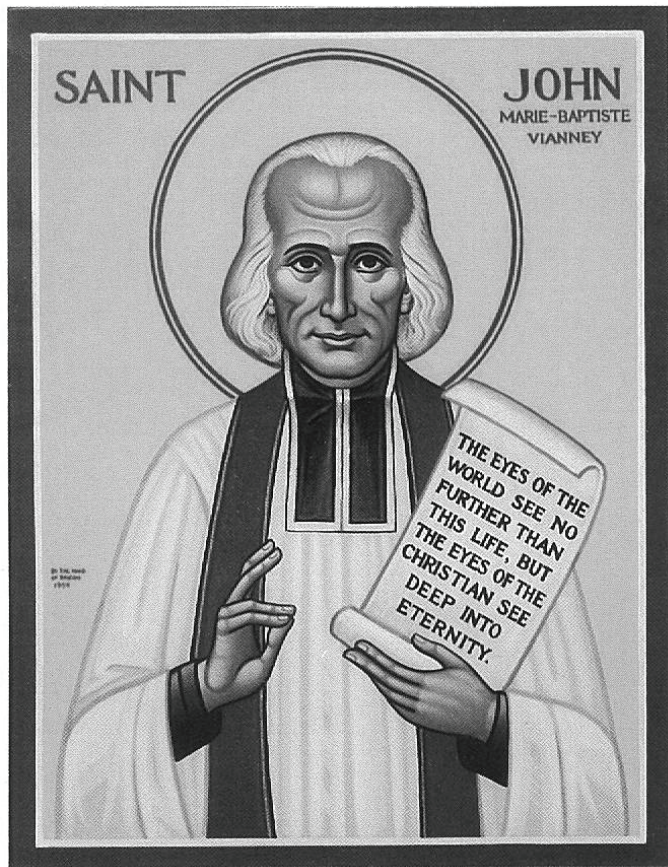
*Cocktail Hour, Full Buffet Dinner, Open Bar  
& Desserts will be served.*

**\$60.00 Admission Per Person**

Adult Reception!

Reserve your seat today  
Reserve your seat today

Call St. Luke School 718 747-3833



*“Never let your home be without a crucifix upon its walls, to the end that all who enter it may know that you are a disciple of a Crucified Lord, and that you are not ashamed to own it.”*

*- On Home Life*

*- 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

Website: [www.BrooklynPriests.org](http://www.BrooklynPriests.org)



# Save the Dates!

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

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



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



April 18<sup>th</sup> Eggs will be distributed to  
celebrate the Easter season.



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



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



We hope to see  all families there!

## WELCOME ---

Today we welcome Loneda Jaoutakene who begins her ministry as parish organist. Please make her feel at home among us.

Some information about Loneda:



I was born in Lithuania and started to play piano at the age of 5 at the Secondary Art School. After graduation I entered the Lithuanian Academy of Music, where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Music. During these years I developed my skills as a church musician as well playing organ, singing, directing choirs, etc.

I have lived in the U.S.A. since 1992 and continue my activities as a church musician in Brooklyn and Queens. For twelve years I held the position of Organist/Music Director at St. Francis of Paola, an Italian church in Brooklyn. It was a wonderful experience and I developed warm feelings about that parish. During this time I also had the opportunity to continue my studies as well.

In 2002 I received Basic Certification as a Catechist on the Elementary Level from the Office of Religious Education, R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y. and in 2003 I completed studies at the Gregorian Chant Institute, Rensselaer, IN. In 2007 I completed my Masters Degree in Church Music and Liturgy with emphasis in Organ and Voice at St. Joseph College, IN.

My husband, Arthur, also plays organ at Most Holy Trinity and St. Francis of Paola Churches in Brooklyn. I have two boys, 8 and 9, who are the students of Special Music School at Lincoln Center, Manhattan. They both are studying piano.

I am very happy and eager to continue my vocation as church musician at St. Luke Parish, to grow and learn more. I am willing to dedicate myself as organist with new energy and devotion, sharing my knowledge and experience to enrich the spiritual life of this amazing parish.



## ***MUSIC MINISTRY CONTINUES ITS VISIT OF MASSES ---***

***The Choir will be visiting the following Masses:***

<b><i>Adult Choir</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, February 20</i></b>	<b><i>5:00pm Mass</i></b>
	<b><i>(The Children's Choir will be singing Sunday, Feb. 21 at 11:45am)</i></b>	
<b><i>Folk Group</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, March 6</i></b>	<b><i>5:00pm Mass</i></b>
<b><i>Adult Choir</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, March 7</i></b>	<b><i>10:30am Mass</i></b>



**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? Please call Father Vincent at (718) 746-8102.



**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](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

Email: [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

**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.







**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon.- 1Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
Tues.- 1Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
Wed. - 1Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
Thurs.- 1Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
Fri. - 1Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
Sat. - 1Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10



**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:**

**PALMA MACEROLLO  
NICHOLAS YANITY  
LENA L. DANILE  
FRANK JUSTICH  
VINCENT CHIARUCCI  
SALVATORE D'ALTO**

**Collective Intentions Mass ---**

*The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13 at 12 Noon.*

*At this Mass we pray for:*

**MICHAEL COLALILLO**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

**Monday, February 8**

7:00 Carlo Iracondo (Anniversary)  
12:00 Matteo Neglia

**Tuesday, February 9**

8:30 Mr. & Mrs. Couto  
12:00 Vittorio Rossini (Anniversary)

**Wednesday, February 10**

7:00 Edward DeLuca (Anniversary)  
12:00 Edward Ahr (Birthday)

**Thursday, February 11**

8:30 Albert DeSantis  
12:00 Ana & Karlo Trdoslavic

**Friday, February 12**

7:00 Marion Saffer  
12:00 Ippolito Nicoletta (Birthday)

**Saturday, February 13**

8:30 Michael & Peggy Harrington

**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Bread is in memory of **MICHAEL COLALILLO** at the request of friends and family; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **LULA NICOVIC** at the request of the Zuccarello & Ring 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.