



*Has no one condemned you?
She replied, "No one, sir.
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."
(John 8:1-11)*

What joy must have been in the heart of the woman "caught in the very act of adultery" upon hearing these words of the Lord. On the brink of being stoned to death the woman experiences the mercy and love of Jesus who was sent not to condemn the world but to be its savior. The very center of this story is the merciful love of God!

It is with this story ringing in our ears - and hearts - that we draw closer to the celebration of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. In the sacred liturgies of these days we experience once again our salvation in Christ. We are sinners and the Lord invited us to trust in His mercy. Now is the time to turn back to God and to be renewed in Christ.

Let us not waste this time of grace and reconciliation. Rather let us enter the mystery of our salvation in Christ by prayer, fasting and works of charity. Many opportunities are available here at the parish. Please respond generously to the Lord's invitation to find in Him not condemnation but salvation! It is the true joy of Easter.

I call your attention especially to Reconciliation Monday, March 29, where the Sacrament of Penance will be heard here at Saint Luke from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and following Evening Prayer beginning at 7:30pm. What better way to experience the love of God and prepare for the celebration of the Easter Mystery than by confession. Please allow the Lord to forgive you, not condemn you.

Together let us make this time holy so that with mind and heart renewed we may celebrate the new life of Easter with joy and hope in Christ crucified and Risen.

God bless!

Let us pray for one another,

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.

March 14 Collection \$12,173	Amount Needed \$13,000
Envelopes Mailed 1,750	Envelopes Received 626

EASTER 2010

You should have received your Easter Letter from Msgr. Tosi in the mail recently. Also included with the letter was an envelope for your “Easter Gift to Your Church” which collection will be taken up on Palm Sunday, March 28. As always we are grateful for your goodness and generosity to the parish.

The Holy Week & Easter Schedule was also sent to you for your convenience.

Please note:

In order to provide an atmosphere of prayer and reflection centered on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, all parish meetings have been cancelled from March 27th to April 12th. This includes all parish groups, societies and organizations as well as all outside organizations that meet in our parish.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES ---

For baptized Catholics who have received First Communion but have not received Confirmation will begin on April 12. Call Sister Katherine Burke at 718-746-3409 for additional information.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA ---

The St. Anthony Novena will begin on Tuesday, April 13 after the 12 noon Mass and continue through Tuesday, June 8. Since June 13th falls on a Sunday this year, the feast day will not be celebrated. However, at the 11:45am Mass on Sunday, June 13 a special prayer will be said in honor of St. Anthony.



WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE ---

On Good Friday, April 2, 2010, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral at 10:00am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter’s Church on Barclay Street, finishing at 1:30pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit its website at www.wocbrooklynbridge.com.

“EMBRACING GOD’S MERCY AND LOVE---

In preparation for Reconciliation Monday (March 29) a special insert on the Sacrament of Penance is included in the bulletin this week. Prepared by the Diocese it is a wonderful help to ready ourselves to receive the Sacrament of God’s Mercy. An Italian translation will be handed out at the 9:00am Italian Mass this weekend (March 21).

Please take time to read the insert entitled - “Embracing God’s Mercy and Love”.

FIRST PENANCE ---

Will be celebrated on the next few Saturdays for the boys and girls in our Catholic School and Religious Education Program preparing to receive First Holy Communion in the Spring.

Please remember to pray for the boys and girls and their families during this special time of grace and blessing.

A THOUGHT ---

Perhaps this Lent is a good time for us to also celebrate the Sacrament of Penance or like we used to say - Go to Confession.

**Confessions are available every Saturday at 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the church
and**

on Monday of Holy Week

Reconciliation Monday

March 29

here at St. Luke from

1:00pm to 5:00pm

&

following Evening Prayer at 7:30pm

Please note: On Reconciliation Monday the Sacrament of Penance will be available in all the parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

GOOD NEWS ---

Beginning on March 31, Bishop DiMarzio has once again given permission for the distribution of the Precious Blood along with the Host at Communion. Following the direction of the Bishop we will begin the practice of Communion under both forms at the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 1). We encourage our parishioners to make use of this option in fulfillment of the words and actions of the Lord Jesus at the Last Supper.

Remember the words of Saint Paul:

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

(1 Cor 11:23-26)



*The
Eucharist*

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord.

God's love shines through us ---We are a Priestly People

I am pleased to report that as of March 9, 2010 a total of \$42,260 has been pledged from 176 donors with \$22,682.50 already received toward our parish goal of \$93,701.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we are off to a good start in the Annual Catholic Appeal 2010. Please consider your gift to the Appeal and join in supporting the ministry and mission of the Diocese and parish.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE ---

Among the many pastoral responsibilities of the parish is the spiritual care of the Catholic residents at the Queens Center for Rehabilitation and Residential Health Care on 19th Avenue. A dedicated team of parish volunteers under the direction of Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. visits the facility on a regular basis for prayers and visits especially in providing weekly Holy Communion. The priests of the parish celebrate Mass once a month at the Center.

At this time a number of memorials are available for items needed in our pastoral care:

Mass Kit - Contains everything needed for Mass.

A donation of \$500 is being asked.

A Silver Communion Plate - Used in the distribution of Holy Communion.

A donation of \$400 is being asked.

Vestments - in the various Liturgical colors.

A donation of \$500 each is being asked.

Please call the Rectory at (718) 746-8102 if you are interested in a memorial or desire more information.





LENT 2010



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass - March 24

FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:30pm

March 26 - Family

ITALIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday evening at 7:30pm - March 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
Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2010

PALM SUNDAY - 28 March 2010

Saturday Evening - 27 March 2010

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday Masses - 28 March 2010

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am,

11:45am (Family Mass), 1:00pm, 5:00pm

The PALM SUNDAY collection is your
EASTER GIFT TO YOUR PARISH.

MONDAY - 29 March 2010

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Mass - 7:00am Mass - 12:00 Noon

1:00pm-5:00pm Confessions

7:30pm - Evening Prayer followed by
Confessions

*“For our sake Christ was obedient, accepting
even death, death on a cross. Therefore God
raised him on high and gave him the name
above all other names.”*

TUESDAY - 30 March 2010

Mass - 8:30am Mass - 12:00 Noon

7:30pm - Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY - 31 March 2010

Mass - 7:00am Mass - 12:00 Noon

7:30pm Evening Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY - 1 April 2010

Church Opens - 8:30am

10:00am - Sung Morning Prayer

7:30pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
English/Italian

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Repository until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY - 2 April 2010

Church Opens - 8:30am

10:00am - Sung Morning Prayer

3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion

6:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion (Italian)

8:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion

The GOOD FRIDAY collection traditionally
is used by the Church for the support of the
Holy Places hallowed by Our Savior's Birth,
Life, Death and Resurrection.

HOLY SATURDAY - 3 April 2010

Church Opens - 8:30am

10:am - Sung Morning Prayer

3:30pm-4:30pm - Confessions

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS
ON HOLY SATURDAY.

8:00pm -EASTER VIGIL

ENGLISH/ITALIAN

EASTER SUNDAY - 4 April 2010

7:30am - Mass

9:00am - Mass (Italian)

10:30am - Mass

11:45am - Mass

1:00pm - Mass

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS
ON EASTER SUNDAY.

At the Masses on Easter Day the first collec-
tion is for the support of the Parish. The
second collection is for the support of the
Retired Priests of the Diocese.



DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

310 PROSPECT PARK WEST
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215

To: All Pastors and Administrators

From: +F. Caggiano

Re: Distribution of the Cup to the Faithful
During the Celebration of Mass

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

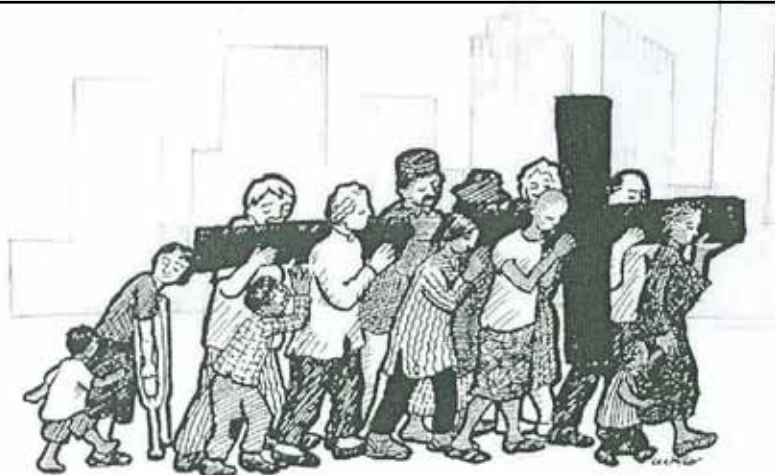
As was announced at the Clergy Assembly that took place on February 4, 2010, Bishop DiMarzio has given permission to resume the distribution of the cup during the celebration of the Mass in all the parishes of the Diocese effective March 31, 2010. This change has been prompted in part because evidence indicates that there was no widespread outbreak of infection due to the H1N1 virus over the last six months. The spring also marks the traditional end of the flu season in our area.

Since this might provide an excellent opportunity to instruct the faithful, may I take the opportunity to remind you of the following:

- The same practices of good hygiene be maintained and encouraged.
- The chalices used should be of a non-breakable substance, and that the presider's chalice be distinct from those of the assisting ministers.
- The instruction for the proper procedure for reception of communion should periodically be presented. Note that the practice of self-intinction is not permitted. Specifically regarding the Precious Blood, those prepared to receive communion, approach the minister, make a sign of reverence, and then take the chalice with two hands, returning the chalice after taking a sip of the Precious Blood.
- The Ordinary Minister of the Mass is to purify the chalices used, asking the Extraordinary Ministers, if no sacristan is present, to properly clean them when they are returned to the sacristy.

As always, allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and fraternal support.

28th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK WAY OF THE CROSS



*April 2nd, 2010
47th Street at First Ave.
8:30 AM*

Join with over 500 people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. As the crucifixion of those who are poor continues in the

form of violence and injustice, it is essential that we walk with Jesus to proclaim God's vision for all people. The Walk will take place from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 2nd. We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS

PARISH DATA REPORT SUNDAY ---

This weekend each parish of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens is publishing a report on the pastoral and financial state of the parish. This report is the first step in a diocesan strategic planning process which will examine each faith community and result in the restructuring of some parishes to ensure greater sustainability and viability of the Church in each area of our diocese. You are encouraged to read and reflect on this report and the explanation that accompanies it. After Easter, there will be an opportunity for you to meet with other parishioners to offer your feedback to the report. Your participation is very important. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCIAL FACT SHEET ---

According to the Parish Financial fact sheet presented here, our Parish Fund Balance has decreased by \$1,028,082 over the past five years. However, please note that no funds previously held in reserves were used to pay operating expenses of the parish. On the contrary, we were able to fund \$1,659,856 of much needed renovations during this period, and still maintain a Fund Balance of \$646,959, which would otherwise have been down to \$15,185 had it not been for the generous stewardship of our parishioners.

Christ Jesus, Our Hope

Parish Data Report

A Pastoral and Fiscal Account of Parish Activity

All parishes are currently participating in a Diocesan Strategic Planning process meant to address issues of financial viability, changing demographics, and other critical areas that will impact the future of the Church of Brooklyn and Queens. The aim of the process is to ensure that necessary resources exist to support the pastoral mission of the Church in the near and far future.

The process is also meant to support the ongoing planning efforts of each parish by fostering a dialogue between financial resources and pastoral mission. As an important first step in this process, every parish has been asked to distribute this *Parish Data Report* to all parishioners. The first step is learning from our experiences and reflecting upon it.

This report provides some basic information on sacraments, faith formation and finances. It is by no means exhaustive and is not intended to define or quantify parish life in its entirety. It is simply one piece of information, a report of basic parish activity measured over time. It is meant to begin a conversation on the life and future of your parish.

You are invited to reflect on how your parish has changed over time and how you see it changing into the future. In addition, the report includes information about the Diocese as a whole. This is meant to offer you some reference point when considering the experience of your own parish. Over the next few months, parish leaders and all parishioners are asked to reflect prayerfully on this data and consider the future of your parish. What is needed to fully live the Gospel? How do we continue to reach out and call others to Christ? Do we have adequate resources, financial and the gifts of people, to continue our ministry in the way we have done in the past? What changes might we be asked to make so that our faith community continues to grow and thrive into the future?

Your response to this *Parish Data Report* is critical to assist parish leadership in addressing some of these questions and articulate the challenges and hopes of the parish. In fact, all Catholics should be given the opportunity to provide their opinions on matters that deal with the good of the Church. The planning process that we now begin seeks to address this core question: what is good for the Church both now and, more importantly, for future generations?

An opportunity for you to discuss the data and its implications with other parishioners and parish leaders will be available soon after Easter. As the Lenten journey continues, you are encouraged to take some time to reflect on this data and remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in all of the parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens who are also walking this pilgrimage to follow the Spirit into an unknown but hope-filled future.

					Parish %	Diocesan %
	Long Term Sacramental Trends	1999	2005	2009	Change '99-'09	Change '99-'09
1	Total Baptisms	160	116	124	-23%	-18%
2	Total First Eucharist	108	141	101	-6%	-29%
3	Total Confirmation	99	113	84	-15%	-8%
4	Total Marriages	55	54	42	-24%	-16%
5	Funerals	160	149	137	-14%	-21%
6	Average Weekend Mass Attendance	3,850	2,901	2,167	-44%	-16%

7	Average Mass Size 2009	310
8	Current Church Capacity	700

	Three Year Trends	2006-	2007-	2008-	Parish
		2007	2008	2009	%Change
9	RCIA Total Number in Process	6	5	6	0.00%
10	RCIA for Children				#DIV/0!
11	Average Weekly Communion Calls	123	120	125	1.63%
12	Children in Religious Education	530	509	490	-7.55%
13	Number of Catechists	36	36	37	2.78%
14	Youth Ministry- Adult Volunteers				#DIV/0!
15	Youth Ministry- Youth Participants			0	#VALUE!
16	Young Adult Ministry Participants				#DIV/0!
17	Adult Faith Formation - # of Programs	15	14	17	13.33%
18	AFF- Average # of Participants	72	74	75	4.17%
19	Senior Adult Ministry- # of Programs	4	4	4	0.00%
20	Senior Adult Ministry- # of Participants	155	170	178	14.84%

21	Diaconal Candidates from Parish (over 10 years)	
22	Seminarians from parish in past 10 years	1
23	Youth Attending Cathedral Prep over 10 years	2

24	Pastoral Institute Participants	
25	Total Parish P.I. Graduates	2

Parish Financial Fact Sheet

St. Luke 101115 Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ending...	Actual 8/31/2005	Actual 8/31/2006	Actual 8/31/2007	Actual 8/31/2008	Actual 8/31/2009
Revenue					
Total Ordinary Revenues	910,014	898,719	888,923	952,965	865,077
Total Extraordinary Revenue	303,401	144,920	195,272	193,975	144,729
Totals	\$1,213,415	\$1,043,638	\$1,084,195	\$1,146,940	\$1,009,806
Expenditures					
Total Ordinary Expenses	922,510	977,427	919,233	1,048,754	998,299
Total Extraordinary Expenses	102,905	573,134	433,339	483,544	66,934
Totals	\$1,025,415	\$1,550,561	\$1,352,571	\$1,532,298	\$1,065,232
Annual Parish Excess (Deficit)	\$188,000	(\$506,922)	(\$268,376)	(\$385,358)	(\$55,426)
Parish Fund Balance	\$1,863,041	\$1,356,118	\$1,087,742	\$702,385	\$646,959

Fiscal Year The Parish operates on a fiscal year that runs from September 1 to August 31.

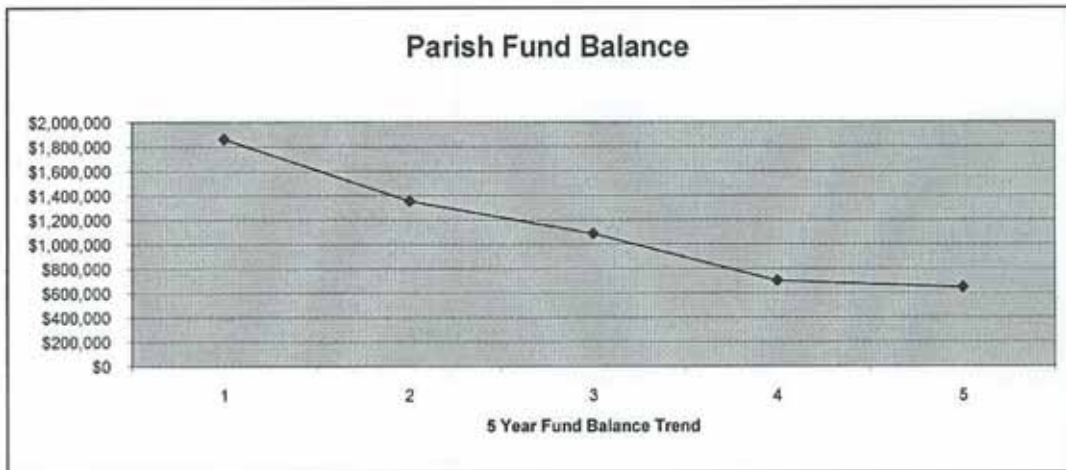
Total Ordinary Revenues includes all Regular Collections, Auxiliary Receipts includes Rental Income, Restricted Receipts/Fund Raising, and Programs Fees.

Total Extraordinary Revenue includes Donations, Bequests, Campaigns, Portfolio gains and losses and the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Total Ordinary Expenses includes Salaries, Benefits, Administrative, Programs and Other Expenses.

Total Extraordinary Expenses includes Major Repairs/Renovations, Furniture & Equipment, and Campaigns Expenses.

Annual Parish Excess (Deficit) The Annual Parish Excess (Deficit) represents the difference of Total Revenue and Total Expenses for each Fiscal Year.



Parish Fund Balance The Parish Fund Balance represents the amount that the Parish's Assets exceed the Parishes Liabilities (obligations).



Saint Luke Church

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March 8, 2010

Dear Friends,

The Athletic Association of St. Luke (S.L.A.A.) is planning its 1st Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Clearview Golf Course.

I would like to encourage your support of this event as the proceeds will go towards support of both our parish and school.

Much effort is being made to provide an enjoyable day of golf, friendship, good food and lots of fun in the sun (hopefully!). And all for a great cause.

The attached flyer contains all the necessary information for golf registration or sponsorship registration - or both.

Why not get a few friends to join you in what promises to be a great event! I hope to see many of our parishioners, neighbors and friends on the golf course.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi

Pastor

1st Annual Saint Luke's Golf Outing at Clearview Golf Course

Sponsored by The Saint Luke Athletic Association (SLAA)

Date: Friday, June 4th, 2010
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Tee Time: 1:00 PM
Format: 2-Person Scramble
Entry Fee: \$200 per golfer or \$350 per team

(Price includes green fees, cart fees, lunch, dinner, trophies and prizes.)

Golf Registration

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

- Team Registration (2 golfers) \$350 per team
 Single Golfer Registration \$200 per golfer

Single golfers will be combined to form a team on a first to register basis

Sponsorship Registration

Sponsor Name: _____

Include business card or company letterhead if applicable

- Tee Box Sponsor \$125 per hole
 Closest to the Pin Sponsor \$250 per hole
 Longest Drive Sponsor \$250 per hole

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please Make Check Payable to St. Lukes Athletic Association - SLAA

Return completed registration form and check made payable to SLAA to:

St. Luke's Church Rectory
Attn: Golf Committee
16-34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, NY 11357

For more information contact the Saint Luke's Rectory at 718-746-8103

Theology

- Sin is an offense against God and the community. It wounds our relationship with God, other persons and our human dignity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1849, 1850)
- There are two types of personal sin: mortal and venial. For a sin to be mortal, it must be a grave offense that one freely chooses, with full knowledge of its gravity or seriousness. A venial sin is any offense that is not a mortal sin.
- Mortal sin removes us from a state of grace.
- Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation in His actions of constantly forgiving others and calling all His followers to the same willingness to forgive and accept those who may fail in their efforts to love. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1446)
- Sins committed after Baptism are forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called the Sacrament of Forgiveness, Confession and Conversion.
- Catholics who have reached the age of reason and are conscious of serious sin have an obligation to confess their sins before making their Easter Duty.
- God can forgive all sins.
- The path back to God after sin is a process of conversion initiated by His grace. This return to God includes sorrow for sin and the resolve to sin no more. The grace we receive from this Sacrament helps us in reforming our lives in preventing us from turning away from God.
- There are two ordinary forms for the Rite of Penance: individual celebration of the sacrament and the communal rite with individual confession and absolution.
- Frequent Confession is recommended.

Prayers of the Penitent

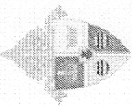


Acts of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.
(from the Rite of Penance)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee and I detest all my sins, because of thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who are all good and worthy of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen. (a traditional prayer)

Lord Jesus, Son of God have mercy on me, a sinner. *(from the Rite of Penance)*



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Embracing God's Mercy and Love



**"A clean heart create for me, O God."
 (Ps. 51:12)**

The Gift of Reconciliation

Prepared by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn Office of Faith Formation

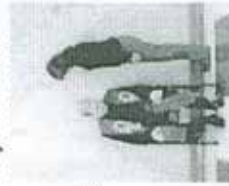
Reception of Reconciliation

6 STEPS FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

1. Examine your conscience - This is a review of one's past thoughts, words and actions. Directly, this examination is concerned with the good or bad intentions that inspires one's thoughts, words, and actions in the light of the Word of God.
2. We ask ourselves calmly and honestly what we did with full knowledge and consent against God and the Church's commandments.
3. Confess your sins to the priest.
4. Make certain that you confess all your mortal sins and the number of them. Venial sins should be confessed as well.
5. Pray an Act of Contrition - Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
6. After your confession, complete the penance the priest gives to you.
7. Pray daily for the strength to avoid the occasion of sin, especially for those sins you were just absolved from.

The Order of Prayer of the Rite of Penance of individual penitents:

- ♦ A greeting and blessing from the priest using the sign of the cross
- ♦ A reading from the Scripture (optional) which proclaims God's mercy and calls a person to conversion
- ♦ The confession of sins
- ♦ The giving and accepting of a penance
- ♦ An act of contrition
- ♦ The priest's absolution
- ♦ the penitent answer: Amen
- ♦ A proclamation of praise of God and dismissal



(The Rites: Penance §41-47; Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1480)

Examination of Conscience

Possible questions you can ask:

- ♦ Do I love God above everything else?
- ♦ Am I humble? Do I depend on God as I should?
- ♦ Am I prideful? Do I try to make the world revolve around me?
- ♦ Am I presumptuous? Do I think I can do whatever I want and that it will not matter to God?
- ♦ Do I pray everyday? Do I go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day?
- ♦ Do I devote myself to growing in the faith?
- ♦ Am I thankful? Do I express my gratitude sincerely and outwardly?
- ♦ Am I self-righteous? Do I make excuses for my faults, blame others or rationalize?
- ♦ Am I forgiving? Do I hold grudges, resentments? Do I take delight in the misfortunes of others?
- ♦ Do I judge others, label others, exclude others, and condemn others?
- ♦ Is my life in any way ruled by anger, jealousy, envy, or impatience?
- ♦ Do I make idols of money, power, prestige, accomplishment, materialism, sensuality, vanity, pleasure, comfort, leisure, complacency, apathy, or anything else?
- ♦ Do I put myself first through self-centeredness, conceit, selfishness, or vanity?
- ♦ Do I engage in extra-marital sex? Do I use sex recreationally?
- ♦ Do I dedicate myself to knowing, loving, and living the Truth as it is taught by the Catholic Church?
- ♦ Do I live in the Truth and do I tell the truth, always and without compromise?
- ♦ Do I misuse speech through cheating, gossiping, backbiting, profanity, blasphemy, complaining, or being silent when I should speak?
- ♦ Am I true to my vows, my commitments, my contracts, and my word?
- ♦ Is my mind filled with thoughts that are lustful, mean-spirited, or prejudicial?

- ♦ Do I waste time? Am I generous with my time? Am I lazy?
- ♦ Do the priorities in my life reflect the precious gift of faith God has given me?
- ♦ Do I live by faith or by emotions, by worldly philosophy, by current fads, by popular ideologies, by the pressures and deceptions of media and culture?
- ♦ Do I recognize how God is present and active in every moment of my life? Do I live by any standard other than the way of love revealed by Jesus Christ?



Preparing your child for the reception of the sacrament

Parents "have the unique responsibility for the education of their children; they are the first educators, or catechists."

(National Directory for Catechesis, p.234)

Values and attitudes learned at home are the foundation of Christian understanding and growth.

Parents should:

- ♦ Set an example through words and actions and show forgiveness, this is a great sign of love
- ♦ Encourage children to apologize for wrongdoings and to forgive people who hurt them
- ♦ Actively participate in the life of the church. Attend Sunday Liturgy, receive the Eucharist, and actively participate in the Sacrament of Penance



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 FJMT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC at 516-997-1950

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!

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA

Apostolato Nazionale Italiano

**Al Centro Pastorale "Immacolata Concezione"
Douglaston, Queens**

Programma della Giornata

**Preghiera del Mattino (Lodi) con
*S. E. Nicholas DiMarzio, Vescovo di Brooklyn***

**Presentazioni da
Giovanna Piccioli
*Giuditta Coccia***

Celebrazione della S. Messa con omelia

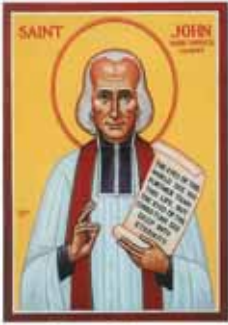
Recitazione meditativa del S. Rosario

Pranzo

**Vendita dei libri (in lingua italiana)
su temi spirituali e liturgici**

\$15 (più autobus)

If interested, please call the Rectory at (718) 746-8102.



“There is nothing easier than to pray to God and nothing is more comforting.”

Catechism Notes

The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM---

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

<u>Baptism Class</u>	<u>Baptism Sunday</u>
Mon., April 19	March 21 April 18
Mon., May 17	April 25 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, March 30, 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.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP ---

The Bereavement Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Rectory. The bereavement ministry is an outreach to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Through prayer, scripture and faith filled sharing this ministry seeks to bring healing to those left behind. If you are interested in joining us once a month, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at (718) 746-8531, or Father Vincent Chirichella at (718) 746-8102.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP ---



The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 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.





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.- Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or
13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20
Tues.- Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed. - Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs.- Is 7:10-14;8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Fri. - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat. - Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13;
Jn 11:45-56



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**GRACE GAMBY
SARA DARAB
CHARLIE DOONAN
GARRET THORSEN**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**CARL J. DELALLO
MARY TROTTA**

Collective Intentions Mass ---
The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, March 21 at 1:00pm.

At this Mass we pray for:

**WILLIAM NUNZIATO
ANTOINETTE BOYAJIAN**

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2010

Monday, March 22
7:00 Eugene Taheny
12:00 Patrick Damato (8th Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 23
8:30 Margaret & Jack Deasy
12:00 Rita Racanelli & family

Wednesday, March 24
7:00 John Foley (Birthday)
12:00 Fiorino Ranallo (Birthday)

Thursday, March 25
8:30 Margaret Callahan (Birthday)
12:00 Silvano Melotin (Anniversary)

Friday, March 26
7:00 Ivan Glavan & Petar Dobra
12:00 Antonino & Antonina Cacioppo

Saturday, March 27
8:30 Joseph Tomasso (Birthday)

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is in memory of **MARION COX** at the request of Gerard & Marie Cox.





Community News

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY ---

Come and experience our Lenten Talk Series. Take one hour out of your busy schedule and join us for the Lenten Talk Series given by Father Robert Lauder. Tuesday, March 23rd at 4:35pm in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus of St. John's University, 8000 Utopia Parkway. Also - On Monday, March 29th, St. John's is hosting a live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross performed by Creative Ministries. Monday, March 29th at 8:00pm at St. Thomas More Church.

For more information please call the Campus Ministry Office at (718) 990-6255 or email deblasis@stjohns.edu.

SEARCHING FOR BISHOP REILLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!!!

Class of 1970 - 40th Reunion! Are you one of these Grads? Do you know someone who is? Please go to the following website: <http://www.bishopreilly1970reunion.com> for all of the reunion information or call Steve DiTomaso at 239-691-8283.

ST. AGNES ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE POINT, N.Y.

"Homecoming for all Alumni" especially anniversary years ending in 0 or 5. Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. For info please call 718-353-6276.

POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE, COLLEGE POINT, N.Y. ---

Upcoming Events:

Annual Multi-Cultural Dance Fest with Haitian, Peruvian and Greek Dancers and great performance by vocalist Natalia Salemmo. Date: Saturday, March 20 at 8:00pm. Admission is free. Contact us at poppenhusen@juno.com or (718) 358-0067.

Free Drama Workshop for ages 10-15. Program includes the beginning to end process of putting on a show which will be performed on June 26. Space is limited, so register. Start date: Saturday, April 10 (class will be held each Saturday until the end of June). Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm. Call (718) 358-0067 for more information.

ST. ANDREW AVELLINO SCHOOL - REUNION FOR CLASS OF 1960 ---

The St. Andrew Avellino Alumni Association is looking for Graduates from St. Andrew's Class of 1960. To participate in or help organizing this celebration, please contact SAAAlumni@hotmail.com or call 718-359-7887.

MSGR. SCANLAN HIGH SCHOOL (formerly St. Helena H.S.) ---

50 Year Reunion - Class of 1960 - Saturday, April 17 from 12-5pm at Villa Barone Manor, Bronx, N.Y. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information call R. Cawley at 1-718-430-0100, ext. 13 or 35 or email rcawley@scanlahs.edu.