



On April 20th over fifty people participated in the Parish Gathering as part of the process of Strategic Planning mandated by Bishop DiMarzio for all the parishes of the diocese. Those attending were asked to reflect on four questions:

- What are the greatest signs of vibrancy and life that you see in our parish?
- What do you see as the greatest challenges the parish will need to address in the future?
- What are the greatest resources in the parish? What resources are most needed?
- What are the most critical concerns in the wider neighborhood that the church must address?

I wish to thank all who attended and to express gratitude to the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, parish staff and trustees who planned and organized the gathering.

The next step in the process is a joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, trustees and parish staff with me to complete a Planning Questionnaire by May 18. The written responses from the Parish Gathering will be used in completing this Planning Questionnaire. The completed Planning Questionnaire will be part of the Parish Self-Study Report which will then be sent to the Vicar for Planning - Msgr. Edward Scharfenberger who then forwards it to the Task Force on Parishes for review. Finally, the Task Force will submit its recommendations for parish reconfigurations to the Planning Commission for further review, before submission to the Bishop for his approval. In September the Bishop will make his decisions public. He will also respond to each parish's Final Self-Study Report regarding the parish's pastoral and temporal goals for the future.

As you see this process will require much work by many people. Hopefully, the result will be to strengthen the parishes of the diocese and so deepen faithfulness to the Gospel among the members of the church so that the Good News of Christ will be proclaimed with greater fidelity. Please keep this process in your prayers - and all those involved in it!

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Toni

WELCOME ---

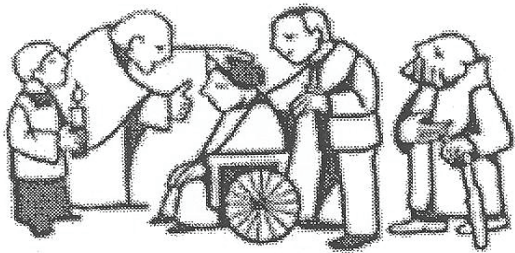


To the Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Dillon Council - who will celebrate their Annual Communion Breakfast after attending the 10:30AM Mass today, May 2nd.

And ---

A word of congratulations to the Knights and all those involved for a very successful picnic last Saturday in honor of the Year for Priests. All those attending enjoyed the beautiful weather, good food, rides and activities for the youngsters. A special word of thanks to the Grand Knight - Eddie Weisenburger - for all his hard work and dedication to making this a very special event.

Congratulations!



**MASS OF ANOINTING
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010
AT
2:00PM**

A special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will take place at Saint Luke Church on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 2:00pm. A moment of grace and blessing for those among us who are in need of God's strength and healing in Christ for mind, body and spirit.

If you wish to be anointed or know someone who does, please fill out the registration form below or call the rectory at 718-746-8102.

A reception will follow in the lower church meeting room.

Dear Msgr. Tosi,

I request that I be given the Sacrament of the Anointing at the Mass on Saturday, May 8th, praying for the special help of God's grace.

Name _____ *Address* _____

Phone _____ *Signature* _____

Need Transportation *Yes* _____ *No* _____

If transportation is needed, volunteers from the Knights of Columbus will be available.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES ---

Want something fun to do on a Friday night during the Easter Season? Join Father Vincent for five consecutive Fridays at 7:30pm in the rectory study room (rectory basement). Father will be covering Saint Luke's account of the work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. As Jesus tells us in this Easter Season, "Do not be afraid". Join us!

- Friday, April 30th at 7:30pm**
- Friday, May 7th at 7:30pm**
- Friday, May 14th at 7:30pm**
- Friday, May 21st at 7:30pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ---

Every First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:30am Mass until 9:00pm when Exposition ends with Benediction.

Mark your calendar and plan to spend some time in prayer and adoration on Friday, May 7th. What a gift! To be with the Lord. Listen to the words of the Cure' of Ars - St. John Vianney:

"I often think that when we come to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we should obtain everything we want, if we would ask for it with a very lively faith and a very pure heart."

So come and find peace in the love of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Interested in Daisy Girl Scouts?

Leaders will be needed in September for a new Kindergarten Troop. If you are interested in being a leader or would like to sign up your daughter, please call Roseanne Smith at 718-279-4581.



April 25 Collection	\$11,778
Amount Needed	\$13,000
Mission Appeal	\$ 2,030
Envelopes Mailed	1,750
Envelopes Received	649

BEREAVEMENT GROUP ---
CHANGE OF DATE ---

The Bereavement Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Rectory. 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, May 25, 2010 at 7:30pm in the church.

All are welcome to attend.

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.



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, May 25, 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.





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon.- 1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Tues.- Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed. - Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thurs.- Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Fri. - Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Sat. - Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**MARIA LATA
GAIL FREER
LESLIE PHILLIPS
DEBBIE JOHNSON**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**PASQUALE J. CASTORO
BRIDGET JACOBS
BENEDETTO MOLLURA
EMMA FERRARI**

Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 8 at 12 Noon.

At this Mass we pray for:

**VITTORIO MARTINO
RUTH WHORLOW
ANTHONY DIPASQUALE**



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2010

Monday, May 3

7:00 Frank & Franca Bacchia
12:00 Anton & Ivana Persic

Tuesday, May 4

8:30 Edward & Julia Gilbride
12:00 Ivan Zulic

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 Albert Ronci
12:00 Joseph & Alesandro Trdoslavic

Thursday, May 6

8:30 Antonino Neglia
12:00 Robert Verge

Friday, May 7

7:00 Mary Cardillo
8:30 Lillian McHugh
12:00 Carmela & Giuseppe Ferrante

Saturday, May 8

8:30 Francesco Davi (Birthday)

MEMORIALS

The Altar Candles are burning **FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION** requested anonymously.



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.

ASCENSION THURSDAY ---

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of Obligation celebrated this year on Thursday, May 13th. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 12 - Eve of the Holyday

at

7:00PM

Please note the time of the Mass is 7:00PM not the usual 7:30PM.

This Mass will mark the close of the Religious Education Program for this year.

The boys and girls in the program along with their parents will attend Mass.

So - the Mass on Wednesday, May 12 will be at 7:00PM.

Thursday, May 13

8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12 Noon & 7:30PM

CONGRATULATIONS ----

To the boys and girls of St. Luke School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st and their teacher Mrs. Annette Vella. Please keep them in your prayers:

Ann Marie Aleo

Edward Bertram

Marisa DeCanio

Daniella Fonseca

Sabrina Hili

Sabrina Nardiello

Anthony Petruso

Diana Rukaj

Matthew Weinberger

Justin Ali

Jude Cutolo

Ashley Esty

John Guarneri

Olivia Kegel

Anthony Pace

Veronica Ramnauth

Antonetta Toma

Justin Allen

Dominic Damiano

Samantha Flynn

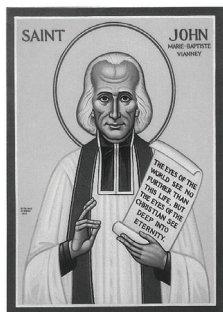
Keeley Hayes

GianLouis Macchiarulo

James Petro

Nicole Romano

Anthony Wasiak



The Year of the Priest
June 2009 - 2010

“If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you.”

***On the Sixth Commandment
St. John Vianney***

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL---

Have you made your gift to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal? Your support is so important in helping the parish reach its goal of \$93,000 which supports the works of the Diocese. All monies over goal assists our parish. This year we hope to use the over goal monies to repair and maintain the stained glass windows of the church which are in much need of care.

As of April 28 a total of 82,205 has been pledged from 367 donors with \$47,520 already received.

Remember: *God's Love Shines Through Us -
We are a Priestly People*





**FAMILY MASS
SAVE THE DATES!**

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

May 9th
(Mother's Day)

Honor the Blessed Mother and all Mothers.

June 20th
(Father's Day)

Remember St. Joseph and all Fathers.



WELCOME BISHOP CAGGIANO ---

On Tuesday, May 18th at 4:00pm Bishop Frank Caggiano, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Saint Luke. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Caggiano once again to our parish. Please keep the boys and girls receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Class at 7:30pm

Mon., June 21

Mon., July 19

Mon., Aug. 16

Baptism Sunday at 3:00pm

June 27

July 11 & 25

August 8 & 22

HOLY BAPTISM



Planning Wedding Music at St. Luke Church

Among her responsibilities, Jessica Tranzillo Smith, Director of Music of 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.

WANTED --- GOLFERS

Plan to attend the Golf Outing sponsored by the Athletic Association of Saint Luke on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Clearview Golf Course! Why not get some friends together for an enjoyable day of golf - all for a good cause and for what is planned to be a great event. See the flyer in the bulletin for details.





Save the Date

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
NORTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

6:30PM to Midnight

Where faith and knowledge continue to meet...

The 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 it 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.

Honoring

PAUL NICAJ

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

OLIMPIA "BARBIE" STAVILE
(Posthumously)

PETER ZUCCARELLO AND
DEIRDRE RING ZUCCARELLO

Tickets and Tables

\$200 per single ticket \$2,000 per table of ten

Sponsorship and Journal Ads are also available.
For more information contact HJMT Communications, LLC at 516-997-1950.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
AND
THE CROWNING OF MARY

on the Great Lawn

Friday, May 28 at 10:00am

*Fr. Kevin Sweeney
will be the guest preacher
at the Mass.*

All are welcome!

Please bring a lawn chair.

*In the event of rain, our celebration
will be held in
St. Luke Church*

*Please join the children and faculty
of St. Luke School
for this beautiful Mass.*

I have been asked by the parish Vocation Committee to share my "Vocation Story" with the parish - so here goes.

MY VOCATION STORY

Msgr. John C. Tosi

As a young boy growing up in Saint Ann parish, Flushing I knew I wanted to be a priest in the Fourth Grade. I was truly blessed by the example of the parish priests and in a special way by the Sisters of Saint Joseph who taught in the parish grammar school. I was so influenced by the example of their lives - they truly loved God and served God's people, especially us youngsters.

Of course, I grew up in a Catholic family with loving parents and an older sister (by two years). Being Catholic was just who we were. My father's brother was a priest in Italy as were two of his first cousins. Maybe it's in the genes! I loved the church and spent many hours as altar boy, sacristan and volunteer. Mass was always special to me - both the 9:00am Mass we had to attend and the 11:00am High Mass which I also attended each week. Yes - two Masses a Sunday!

Although I wanted to enter the high school seminary - Cathedral Prep - my father refused permission. He told me that if I still wanted to be a priest after high school then he would give his approval.

I attended Msgr. McClancy High School (new at the time) and entered the College Seminary upon graduation. After college I went to Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington and was ordained a priest on May 26, 1973.

Priesthood has indeed been the greatest gift given to me by God. Looking back over thirty seven years since ordination, I can honestly say I love being a priest. It has not always been easy - but no vocation is always easy! Just ask a married couple. Yet my priesthood has brought many blessings and great joy. There have been ups and downs; joys and sorrows.

I have been blessed with great assignments: Our Lady of Grace, Howard Beach (1973-1984); Resurrection Ascension (1984-1990) during which time the Bishop sent me for a graduate degree in Theology and Liturgy at Notre Dame University. Upon receiving my M.A. degree, I was assigned as Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission (1991-2005). For ten of those years (1995-2005) I was also Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. James (the Bishop's Church) in downtown Brooklyn. During those years, among many responsibilities, I also taught at the Seminary; was the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies and yes, even planned the Mass of Pope John Paul II at Aqueduct Race Track in 1995.

Then in 2005 I was given good news - I was called in by Bishop DiMarzio and appointed pastor here at St. Luke!

My priesthood has been truly blessed - I have received far more than I have given. It is a full and rewarding life - one worth living!! I think that is important to share especially at this time in the life of the church when so much negative news is being made known about some priests. There are so many good, holy and faithful priests doing the best they can with God's help. Remember we are human and share the sinful condition of all humanity. Yet we have been called by God for God chooses the weak to bear the message of Good News in Christ.

My vocation story is a story of God's goodness to me. For that I give thanks and praise.

I look forward to many more years of priestly service. Recently my prayer has become very simple - yet difficult to put into practice: *Your will not mine be done.*

Please continue to pray for your priests and for all the priests of the church. And pray for vocations to the priesthood. Who knows - maybe a boy from our parish!!

God bless.

With love and prayers,
Msgr. Tosi



Congratulations

**to Fashion Show Chairpersons
*Christine Ventura and Karen LiCalzi***

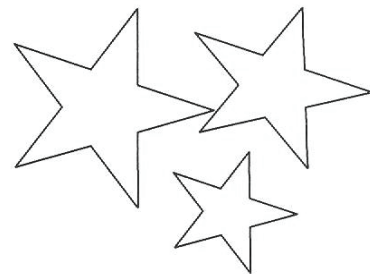
**And the Fundraising Committee
For their hard work, dedication and commitment
To the**

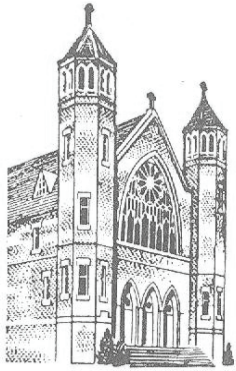
St. Luke School ***4th Annual Fashion Show*** **A Red Carpet Event**

**The Administration, Faculty and Staff are grateful to
the Fashion Show committee and to all who
generously supported this wonderful event either by
taking out an ad in the journal, by buying a raffle
ticket or attending the show.**

**Over \$22,000 was raised in support of
St. Luke School!**

THANK YOU!!





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



Community News

FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB ---

Friday, May 7, 2010 at The Reception House at 12 Noon. Cost: \$20 per person. Speaker: Father Robert Romeo, Pastor, St. Boniface Church, Sea Cliff. All are welcome.

ST. FIDELIS SUMMER PROGRAM

Open House Friday, May 14th and Sunday, May 16th at 11:15AM. Pay in full at Open House and receive 10% discount. For more info call 718-539-2628.

3RD ANNUAL COLLEGE POINT RELAY FOR LIFE

Sponsored by The Columbiettes, St. Ambrose Council #1463 of College Point
Saturday, May 22 - Sunday, May 23 in McNeil Park

Meetings at College Point Ambulance Corps., 18th Ave. & 123rd St. on Wed., May 12th at 7pm and Wed., May 19th at 7pm. For more info call Gina Lynch at 718-845-7755 or email collegepointrelay@yahoo.com.

MSGR. McCLANCY HIGH SCHOOL ---

Is now accepting applications for their summer basketball and baseball camps. The baseball camp, for boys ages 6 to 15, runs for two weeks, July 5th-9th, and July 12th-16th; basketball for boys ages 7-15, runs for one week, Aug. 2nd-6th. For more information please call the school at (718) 898-3800, ext. 18.

ST. FRANCIS PREP SUMMER ACADEMY 2010 ---

St. Francis Prep will be offering a one week enrichment program this July 26th to 30th from 9:00am-3:00pm. The purpose of the program is to provide students age 10 to 14 an opportunity to more deeply develop and broaden their academic skills in a positive, student-centered learning environment. For additional information and application call 718-423-8810, ext. 210 or visit the school website at www.sfponline.org and click on Summer Academy.

ST. AGNES BASKETBALL CAMP FOR GIRLS ---

Ages 8-14 July 12-16, 2010 Cost \$180 Early Registration by 4/5/10 Fee \$160
For more information or camp form call 718-353-6276.

HOLY CROSS H.S. 2010 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS AGES 8-16 ---

4 Great Sessions: 6/28-7/2; 7/5-7/9; 7/12-7/16 & 7/19-7/23

For more information and/or to request an application, please call (718) 886-7250, ext. 525 or visit our website at www.holycross.org.