

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

*From The Pastor - -*



*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.*

*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.  
(1 Cor 12)*

On this Pentecost Sunday we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit. For as Saint Paul writes: "No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except in the Holy Spirit." Yet the gift of the Spirit is not for some past time - it is a gift for all time and all places and for all Christians. Today at the 11:45AM Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for seven adult members of the parish. Due to a special indult given by the Bishop for Pentecost I will have the privilege and grace to bestow the gift of the Holy Spirit on these members of the parish: Francesco Acquista, Alessandria Albano, Gissal Dobles, Robert Johnson, Chad Klusko, Giuseppe Pierreca and Alexandra Restagno. Please keep them in your prayers that they - and us - will be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Luke has indeed seen the action of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of the many good people who make up the parish community. Good people - faith filled and generous of service - who are willing to share their many kinds of gifts, forms of service and different working given by the spirit for the building up of the church - which is Christ's Body.

As little children we have been taught the importance of "thank you" when receiving a gift. So - as a parish we wish to express thanks and appreciation to each and everyone who volunteers here at Saint Luke's.

A parish Volunteer Thank You Party has been planned on Saturday, June 20th following the 5:00PM Mass on the Great Lawn (weather permitting) or in the school auditorium. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin and return the response form as soon as possible so we can prepare for the big event! I do hope as many volunteers as possible join us for the evening allowing us to say a heart felt thank you!!

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

*Mssa. Tori*

*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.*



**VOICES OF ANGELS**

**ARTEK CONCERT - SAT., JUNE 13, 2009**

**7:00pm at Saint Luke Church**

**17th Century Italian Music for two Sopranos**

**Featuring Jessica Tranzillo & Barbara Hollinshead**

**For tickets & information, please call the Music Office at (718) 746-3862.**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR ELDERLY RELIGIOUS ---**

Next weekend, June 6 & 7, the second collection will be taken up for the Religious Retirement Fund for the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses. The following is a letter from Bishop Murphy and Bishop DiMarzio:

“Love is also charity, and the Church has an obligation to help the needy wherever they are found.”

Pope Benedict XVI  
Deus Caritas Est. (God is Love)

Dear Friends in Christ,

When our Holy Father said these words he was reminding each of us of the call to live fully our different vocations by extending a hand of love and compassion to the very same people Christ called us to serve.

The many women and men Religious of our Diocese for many decades have dedicated their lives to doing just that. With an extraordinary gift of faith and love in their hearts, they have helped give the gift of compassion, support and understanding to you, your family and to thousands of people all across our area and beyond. They have helped us understand and live our faith and are true living examples of God’s love for us. These women and men who have given their lives to continuing Christ’s mission to love and serve one another need your help now.

When thinking back to the many gifts these fine Religious have given us, we cannot help but be filled with gratitude and awe at what they have given to the Church and to us through years and years of dedicated service. It is our turn to show them our gratitude by giving back to them by making a gift to the annual Religious Retirement Fund. Prayerfully reflect on all that God has given you and your loved ones and give from your heart generously to the best of your ability.

In their name and in the name of the Church, we thank you and ask God to bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Murphy  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio  
Bishop of Brooklyn

**FROM ABRAHAM TO EXODUS**

*Feel like a little Scripture before the summer starts?*

*Join Fr. Dave for a continuation of the Scripture classes dealing with the Books of Genesis and Exodus. The classes will be held on the first four Tuesdays of June (June 2, 9, 16 & 23) at 7:30pm in the School Hall. You don’t need to have attended the fall sessions, as we’ll review the material covered then. All you need is your bible.*

*Hope to see your there!*

**ST. LUKE’S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION ---**

Our registration for Fall sports will take place on Tues., June 2nd from 7-9pm in the lower church and on Thurs., June 4th from 7-9pm in the school hall.

Fall Sports:

Boys & Girls Basketball - Developmental & CYO



Boys & Girls Soccer - Developmental & CYO

Girls Swim Team

Boys & Girls Developmental Swimming



*New for the first time -*

*Summer Developmental Soccer!*



This will be for boys & girls ages 4,5 and 6 and will take place on Sunday mornings in July & August. Registration is also on June 2 & 4, 7-9pm

*Also, volunteers in all areas are needed to keep our programs running. Why not stop by and see how you can help out?*

**GOLDEN AGE SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**PLATZL’S BRAUHAUS**

**POMONA, N.Y.**

**Thursday, July 16, 2009**

**Cost \$51 per person (beef or chicken)**

**Bus leaves from St. Luke Church parking lot at 8:15am sharp**

**For info, please call Eileen at 718-352-3902**





**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
**RCIA**

*Are you an adult who has never been baptized?*  
*Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?*  
*Are you baptized Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?*

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This is a gradual process by which a person enters the life of the Church. It entails study, faith sharing, Scripture reflection, and rites (steps along the way, celebrated with the faith community).

This process or faith journey begins with a period of inquiry. We invite you to come and explore! Please call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at the Religious Education Office (718) 746-3409 for more information.

**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

Registration will take place in St. Luke School on the following date:  
Wednesday, June 3rd from 3:30pm-5:30pm

For additional information please call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.  
in the Religious Education Office at (718) 746-3409.



***Live The Gospel...Share the Good News!***

Thank you for your generous support of the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal. I am pleased and thankful that due to the generosity of 446 donors we have reached and even surpassed our parish goal of \$93,701. As of May 19th a total of \$99,847.00 has been pledged with \$65,539.50 already received.

***Thank you, thank you, thank you!***

To those who made a gift to the Appeal. Every gift - no matter large or small is important to the success of the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Now all gifts over the goal comes back to support the many important works of ministry and service of the parish.

***So ... We need your help!***

In these difficult economic times your generosity and support is more important than ever. Your gift to the Appeal can be an act of thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy.

Please consider making your gift today! If you made a gift last year, please consider making a gift to this year's Appeal.

If you haven't made a gift in the past, why not join your fellow parishioners in supporting this important work of the church.

God bless.

*Msgr. Tosi*

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



### **TEACHER OF DISTINCTION**

**Our teachers play a vitally important role in the education and future of our children and we are very proud of all of the teachers at St. Luke School. Our collective efforts in ensuring our children have a first class education would not be possible if it weren't for the tireless dedication of our teachers. We want to congratulate Mrs. Ericka Conlon, the Seventh and Eighth Grade English Language Arts teacher at St. Luke School. Mrs. Conlon was honored at the 2009 Senator Frank Padavan Teacher Appreciation Ceremony on May 7, 2009 for being a Teacher of Distinction.**

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### **MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

Four of our seventh grade students were invited to participate in the annual Holy Cross Mathematics competition on Saturday, May 9 at Holy Cross High School – Massimo Antonelli, Nicholas Colak, John Martakis and Olivia Schultze. In order for a student to participate in this competition, a student must have a consistently high average in Math. The event consisted of individual competitions such as Speed Round, True or False Facts and the like. Congratulations to all of these students, especially Massimo Antonelli, who won a Silver Medal at the event!

### **MOMMY AND ME**

All Moms, Dads, (and Grandparents!) and their little ones are welcome to join in on the fun on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:15AM. Admission is only \$3.00. Please come by for some playtime, sharing, and caring.



**PARISH VOLUNTEER THANK YOU CELEBRATION!!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009**

**6:00PM FOLLOWING THE 5:00PM MASS**

**ST. LUKE'S GREAT LAWN**

Msgr. Tosi and the entire parish staff would like to thank all who volunteer here in our parish. Whether you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Usher, Sacristan, Religious Education Catechist, Baptism Team Leader, Consolation Ministry Member, Adult Altar Server, Member of the Adult Choir, Member of the Parish Pastoral Council, all Catholic School Volunteers or Leaders of any of our parish groups, please join us!

All adult volunteers are welcome to join us. The Thank You Party is reserved only for those who have given their time in service to Saint Luke Parish. Please return form to the Rectory.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend

\_\_\_\_\_ My spouse will attend

# ST. LUKE'S

In Honor of 100 years  
1910-2010

Would like to invite You & Your family to  
Celebrate The St. Luke's Reunion Picnic  
Share in the fun and memories  
As we Kick-Off  
St. Luke School Year Long Celebration  
Of 100 Years!!

June 14, 2009  
2pm to 5pm  
On the Great Lawn

Art & Crafts  
Carnival Rides  
Face Painting  
Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers  
Soda & Beer  
Entertainment

Fun for the entire family!!  
Feel free to bring any food, drinks, table & chairs.



**You Can Help to Protect a Child ---**

To report sexual abuse against a minor by a priest or deacon, call the Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance toll-free, confidential reporting number at 888-634-4499. The Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance Program offers support, outreach and counseling to any victims who present themselves. For assistance call, 888-634-4499.



If you suspect a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

*"This initiative, while extraordinarily difficult and delicate, has occasioned many moments of real healing and renewal."*

*Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio*

**AMICI DI NARO CLUB SAN CALOGERO ---**

Are pleased to announce the celebration of our Annual Mass in honor of our blessed San Calogero on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 9:00am at Saint Luke Church. The celebrant will be Fr. Rene. For information please call Josephine Augello (718) 353-0180, Mimma Caldarello (631) 586-1172, Melina Ingrao (516) 746-2130, Josephine Mangione (718) 738-0333 or Edda Iacona (718) 747-5379.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**



If you would like to register as a parishioner of Saint Luke Parish you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and obtaining a registration card which can be returned by mail, in person or in the Sunday collection basket. After you register you will then receive Sunday offering envelopes. For more information, please call the Rectory Office at (718) 746-8102.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The St. Anthony Novena began on Tuesday, March 24 and will continue through Tuesday, June 9. The Feast of St. Anthony will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13 at a 12 noon Mass.



**May 24, 2009 Collection**

**\$10,352.50**

**Envelopes Mailed**

**1,668**

**Amount Needed**

**\$13,000**

**Envelopes Returned**

**625**

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**



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

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING ---**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30pm in the Rectory. All are welcome to attend.



**GOLDEN AGERS**

Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, June 30, 2009. Cost is \$25.00. Bus leaves at 8:00am sharp. For more information, please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.



**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM**

If you are planning a Baptism, please note the following dates for the Baptismal Class and Baptism Sundays: Baptism Class - June 15. Baptism Sundays: June 7 & 28.

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



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

Meetings are held in the lower church every Friday evening. Open meeting at 7:30pm – Closed meeting at 9:00pm.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon. - Tb 1:3;2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12

Tues. - Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

Wed. - Tb 3:1-11a,16-17; Mk 12:18-27

Thurs. - Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a;  
Mk 12:28-34

Fri. - Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

Sat. - Tb 12:1,5-15,20; Mk 12:38-44



**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Breads are in memory of **JOSEPH TROTTA (8TH ANNIVERSARY)** at the request of his family; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **JOSEPH PELOSO (11TH ANNIVERSARY)** at the request of his parents.



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH** especially Anna Fuchs, Anna Candela, Joe Danile, Charles Weigl, Makayla Marguiles, Grace Gambe, Sarah Darab, Anne Portanova, Helen Sciamie and Ciara Foley **AND FOR THE DECEASED** William J. Keatley and Florence T. Ellis.



**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**June 1, 2009**

**Monday, June 1**

7:00 Manuel & Alicia Fernandez

12:00 Joseph Peloso (11th Ann.)



**Tuesday, June 2**

8:30 Valerie Duecker

12:00 Giuseppe & Victoria Mossa & Family

**Wednesday, June 3**

7:00 John & Elena Sterlini

12:00 Deceased Members of the Simeone Family

**Thursday, June 4**

8:30 Paul M. Cimino

12:00 John DeRespiris (40th Anniversary)

**Friday, June 5**

7:00 Thomas O'Dea

8:30 Stanley Beck

12:00 Joseph Trotta (8th Anniversary)

**Saturday, June 6**

8:30 Luis Wilches (1st Anniversary)



***SPECIAL MASS REQUESTS***

We have set aside two special Masses a month: the second Saturday of each month at 12 noon and the fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:45AM Mass. Please call the rectory to schedule such a Mass or to get additional information. The next Collective Intentions Mass will be on Sunday, June 28 at 11:45AM for **FIORINO & ROSE RANALLO**.





## Community News

### ***ABRUZZO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT ---***

On Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph's School in Astoria, the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens will sponsor an Earthquake Relief Concert for the victims of Abruzzo, Italy. The concert will star and feature world renowned singer/personality Giada Valenti, and is expected to gather numerous people, local dignitaries and supporters. The event's Master of Ceremonies will be Northeast Queens Civic Leader and Community Board 11 Chairman, Jerry Iannece.



For further information contact Angie Markham or Joseph DiPietro at 718-204-2444 or Jerry Iannece at 718-961-5550.

### ***FLUSHING FIRST FRIDAY CLUB ---***

Will meet on Friday, June 5th at 12 noon for Mass at the Reception House on Northern Boulevard. The Guest Speaker is Father Gerard Ettlinger, S.J.. The cost is \$20 per person.

### **FOOD PANTRY**



To reach out to all members of our community in need of extra help in eating a healthy, well-balanced meal, Grace Episcopal Church, located at 14-15 Clintonville St., Whitestone (718) 767-6305, has opened a Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open every Friday from 10am to 11am.

Let us help you with a day's meal, or non-perishable foods you may need. All are welcome! We also welcome donations and volunteers.

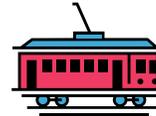
### **POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE**

**114-04 14th Road, College Point, N.Y. - (718) 358-0067**

Whitestone-College Point Historic Trolley Tour

Hop on board to learn about the history of these two communities on Sat., June 13 at 9:30am.

Fee: \$15 - tickets must be purchased in advance.



### **ST. AGNES ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**13-20 124 Street, College Point**

Is offering a series of seven (7) classes to prepare for the Catholic High School admission exam (TACHS) for boys and girls beginning Sept. 24, 2009. For information or an application, please call (718) 353-6276, Ext. 18.



### **ST. FRANCIS PREP SCHOOL**

**6100 Francis Lewis Blvd., Fresh Meadows**

Is accepting applications for all grade levels. For additional information, contact the Admissions Office at (718) 423-8810, ext. 229.

