

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.

From The Pastor - -

On Friday, June 19th the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a feast which celebrates the love of Jesus for us:



Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share His life and continue to bless us with His love.

(Opening Prayer)

The symbol of the heart is an almost universal reminder of the gift of love. Just think of Valentine's Day and the numerous gifts given and cards exchanged in the form of a heart. Yet there is no greater love than that of Jesus - who gave up His life out of love for us - you and me included! If we think about it love is the foundation of faith and it is because of the gift of Christ's love that we live in hope. I believe the fundamental truth of our faith is found in this simple fact: God loves us! Acceptance of this gift is the first step toward holiness. Jesus is the love of God made flesh revealing in His life, death and resurrection the depth of God's love for us. Let us pray to be open to God's love - for in accepting God's love we will never be the same. It is that love which leads us to abandon sin and embrace goodness. God's love is everlasting.

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Once again this feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of the tremendous love of God made present in Christ:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
You gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death
May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to
experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom...*

What an awesome gift! The Eucharist is the celebration of the new and everlasting covenant between God and us sealed in Christ's sacrifice - a death he freely accepted out of love for us. Yet, how often we take this gift for granted. On this feast let us give thanks and praise to our God who has bestowed on us many gifts - the greatest is the gift of His love made flesh our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

Msgr. Tom

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.



June 7, 2009 Collection
\$11,615
Envelopes Mailed
1,668

Amount Needed
\$13,000
Envelopes Returned
649

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SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today, Sunday, June 14 is the feast of Corpus Christi. As we celebrate in thanks and awe so great a gift we will honor the Body and Blood of Christ with a special Corpus Christi Procession sponsored by the parishes of Saint Luke and Saint Mel.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will begin here at Saint Luke Church after the 5:00PM Mass and will move toward Saint Mel Church making stops at a number of "altars" for prayers and Benediction. A Prayer Service will conclude the Procession at Saint Mel Church. Prayers and songs in Italian & English.

All are invited to join in this public act of witness to our love for the Holy Eucharist.

SUMMER IS COMING ---

And so is a reminder on the need to dress properly when we come to Mass on Sunday in the warm summer months. Proper dress is not about what makes God happy. Proper dress is about showing respect, love and adoration for God our almighty and loving father. The Eucharist is a most special gift - may how we dress and how we celebrate witness our thanks and praise. And our church is air-conditioned!



FATHER'S DAY —

Next Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day. Let us pray for all fathers living and deceased. May they experience our love and gratitude on Father's Day and every day of the year.

Father's Day envelopes are available at the front doors of the church to include our fathers in remembrance and prayer at the altar especially at the celebration of Mass.



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 June 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 you there!

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

AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION ---

Next weekend, June 20 & 21 there will be a second collection to help with the expense of air conditioning the church. Your support is greatly appreciated in order to keep the church comfortable during the warm summer months.

THANK YOU --

To those who so generously contributed to the second collection last weekend for the Retired Religious. The collection totaled \$3,185.

FLAG DAY ---

Today, June 14 is Flag Day. Please remember to display our American Flag proudly!





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

Are you an adult who has never been baptized?

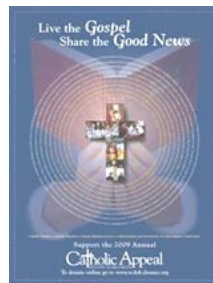
Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?

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.



Live The Gospel...Share the Good News!

Your support of the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal continues to be a source of encouragement to me and a clear witness to your love of God and the church.

As of June 2 a total of \$104,217 has been pledged from 468 donors with \$73,752 already received. Having reached our parish goal (\$93,701.00) all gifts over goal come directly to the parish.

Remember: the Appeal is our major parish fundraiser of the year.

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



**SAINT SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS
LUKE SCHOOL**

Under the supervision of Mrs. Piaia, our 4th Grade students sent letters and cards to a soldier, Sr. A Shawn Jurgrau, who is stationed in Afghanistan.

They received a letter back thanking them for their wonderful cards and well wishes and were very excited. In addition, Sr. A. Jurgrau has sent a flag to Saint Luke's which was flown over Afghanistan during a combat mission along with a certificate naming the Saint Luke's 4th Grade class and thanking them for their support and prayers.

MAY CROWNING PICTURES ---

If you would like to see the many pictures taken at the May Crowning Mass you may view them on the Saint Luke School website at saintlukeonline.com. Click on Event Photos to see so much more!





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

Summary of the May Meeting of the St. Luke Parish Pastoral Council

The meeting opened with a prayer and brief reflection prepared by the Spiritual Enrichment Team. Members of the Finance Committee and a Parish Trustee were present for the first part of the meeting for the purpose of hearing a presentation given by Mr. Joseph Cascio regarding the Diocesan Parish Support Program. This program is a Diocesan-wide effort aimed at increasing parishioner participation in terms of time, talent and treasure (weekly contribution). Details of the program will be presented to the parish in September.

In an effort to accomplish the PPC's goals of Hospitality, Spiritual Development and Youth Ministry, each member was asked to contribute the names of two parishioners who would be good candidates to serve on each of the three committees. Committee membership will be determined at the June 9 PPC Meeting.

In his Pastor's Report, Monsignor Tosi thanked those who were instrumental in organizing the recent Parish Mission. He also shared a number of "good things" that were going on in our parish and school.

-St. Luke School has been designated an "excel School", and has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 to further technology. Our school also expects an increase in enrollment for the coming school year.

-Bishop Caggiano will celebrate an outdoor Mass on the Great Lawn on May 29.

-More than 100 children have recently received their First Holy Communion.

-Our school has received a grant to work on the formation of an Alumni Association.

-We have met and surpassed our goal for the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal.

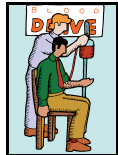
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9.

Barbara Coletti, Recorder

UPCOMING EVENTS ---

BLOOD DRIVE ---

Remember that the need for blood never takes a vacation! Because of this, the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Francis J. Dillon Council is sponsoring a blood drive here at St. Luke's on Sunday, June 28th from 8:00AM to 2:00PM in the School Hall. Members from the Knights will be at the doors of the church during the weekend of June 13 & 14 for you to sign up for the blood drive.



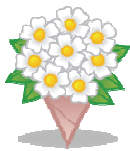
CLOTHING DRIVE ---

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their Clothing Drive on Sunday, June 28th from 8:00am to 1:00pm in the church parking lot.



FLOWER SALE ---

Sponsored by the St. Luke Respect Life Group on Sunday, June 28 after all Masses. Proceeds from the sale support various organizations that foster a respect for the dignity of human life.



WANTED ---

Boys and their families looking for fun and adventure. Enjoy hands-on, interactive, and educational opportunities all while having fun. Boys from 1st grade on up to 18 years old. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!! Cub Scout/Boy Scout Registration - Friday, June 19 from 7:30pm-8:30pm in St. Luke's School. For more info call: John Sommer, Cubmaster (516) 881-6060 or check out our website: www.cubscoutpack235.com.



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 ---

There will be no meetings during the months of July and August. A September meeting date will be announced in a future bulletin.



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 summer Baptism, please note the following dates:

| <u>Baptism Class</u> | <u>Baptism Sunday</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>June 15</i> | <i>June 7 & 28</i> |
| <i>July 20</i> | <i>July 12 & 26</i> |
| <i>August 17</i> | <i>August 9 & 23</i> |

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.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - 2Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
Tues. - 2Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
Wed. - 2Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. - 2Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
Fri. - Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19;
Jn 19:31-37
Sat. - 2Cor 12:1-10; Lk 2:41-51



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **MY BELOVED FRIEND ADA CRISTINA** at the request of Jane Depraida.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Anne Portanova
Ciara Foley*

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

*BettyLou Cimino
Linda Lobosco
Giuseppe LoRiggio*

Please note:

Names listed for prayers for the sick will be published for one month. If, after that time you wish to have the name printed again, please call the Rectory Office at (718) 746-8102.



**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
June 15, 2009**



Monday, June 15

7:00 Frank Daly
12:00 Olindo Testa (birthday)

Tuesday, June 16

8:30 Deceased Members of the
Franch Family
12:00 Giuseppe Vosilla

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 James McCarthy (anniversary)
12:00 Domenico & Laura DiTuri

Thursday, June 18

8:30 Deceased Members of the
Tierney & Barbieri Families
12:00 Joseph & Molly Sankeralli

Friday, June 19

7:00 Vittorio Rossini
12:00 Antonella Mattina

Saturday, June 20

8:30 Columbia Iracondo



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 Masses will be on Saturday, June 13 at 8:30AM for **MIGUEL ZAMBACA, MONTAHA LAYON ZAMBACA, VASSILIS PANTAZIS & GEORGIA PANTAZIS** and on Sunday, June 28 at 11:45AM for **FIORINO & ROSE RANALLO** and **CHARLES BLATT**.





Community News

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.

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.



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL 2009 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS AGES 8-16

Session 1: June 29th-July 3rd Session 2: July 6th - July 10th Session 3: July 13th - July 17th
Session 4: July 20th - July 24th

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



HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS ---

Come pray and sacrifice for the unborn on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at a monthly prayer vigil with Bishop Nichols DiMarzio and Officer Steven McDonald at St. John Vianney Church, 140-10 34th Avenue, Flushing (718) 762-7920. Mass begins at 7:30AM followed by exposition and procession then returning to church for benediction.



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH & HEARING CENTER

152-11 Union Turnpike, Queens - (718)990-6480

Free hearing screenings from July 1 through July 30. Please call for appointment and directions.

Free hearing aid help available to anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call for appointment.



NAR-ANON NEVER ALONE is a 12 step support group for anyone affected by a loved ones use/abuse of drugs. There are no dues or fees. Meetings are held at the VFW Hall in Whitestone (19-12 149th Street) every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00PM. Newcomers are welcome. For further information, please contact Pat & Norman at 718-229-2113 at any time.

