

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.



Summer is here and hopefully all of us will be able to enjoy some rest and vacation time. Even God had need of rest as scripture tells us - God rested on the seventh day after creating all things and declaring them good.

The parish, likewise, will take some much needed rest. ALL PARISH SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PRAYER GROUPS WILL TAKE JULY AND AUGUST OFF FROM MEETING. Perhaps this will provide the opportunity for some family time, a change of pace, time to read a book, visit friends, spend more time in prayer, take a walk, sit under a tree, play a game of baseball, ride a bike, go to the movies. The possibilities are endless.

Summer is indeed a time for re-creation.

It has been a wonderful pastoral year at Saint Luke. It has been a year of grace with God working among us in so many ways. We have laughed together and cried together; had our ups and downs; accomplished many projects and celebrated many events; we have worked hard and helped each other. And through it all we have lived and shared the Gospel as a community of faith centered in the eucharist, especially Sunday Mass.

I wish to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who made this pastoral year possible by the sharing of their time, talent and treasure. We are most grateful for their goodness. I am blessed to be your pastor!

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

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.



<u>June 14, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$11,811	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,668	640

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A PRAYER FOR FATHERS ---

On this Father’s Day let us remember in prayer especially at Mass all our fathers living and deceased. May they continue to live their vocation in fidelity and love strengthened by God, our heavenly Father. Let us express our thanks and gratitude by making every day Father’s Day.



PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION ---

The Peter’s Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money - “pence” or pennies - from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter’s Pence Collection supports the Pope’s charitable work by giving the Holy Father the means to provide essential assistance.

Next week, June 27 & 28 our parish will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection. This Collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week’s Peter’s Pence Collection.

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 last class will be held on June 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 ---
This 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.

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!





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

Are you an adult who has never been baptized?

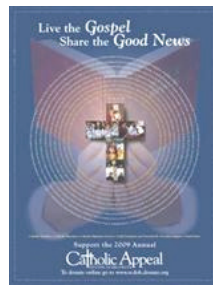
Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?

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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Thanks to the generosity of 489 donors as of June 9th a total of \$106,252 has been pledged with \$76,890.33 already received.

Having reached the parish goal of \$93,701 all gifts over goal come directly back to the parish.

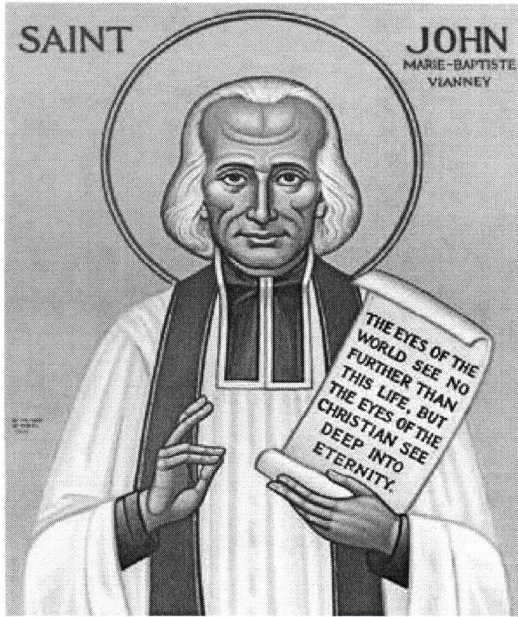
So --- We need your help:

- Please continue to fulfill your pledges to the Appeal over the summer months. This is so important!
- Please consider making a gift today if you have not as yet done so. Last year nearly 700 donors supported the Appeal!
 - If you made a gift last year, please consider a gift to this year's Appeal.
 - If you haven't made a gift in the past - why not support the 2009 Appeal.
- The Appeal is our major parish fund raiser of the year.

In these difficult economic times, your generous support is more important than ever. What a great way to express our thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy.

God bless.

Msgr. Tosi



I have been privileged to give
Great Gifts from my empty hands

~ St. John Vianney

YEAR OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY ---

Pope Benedict has announced a special year of prayer in honor of Saint John Vianney on the anniversary of his death. As patron saint of priests ~ especially parish priests ~ this year provides the occasion to:

- ~ Pray the Lord of the Harvest for an increase in vocations to the priesthood especially for our Diocese.

And

- ~ Pray for our priests especially those called to serve the parish of Saint Luke.

The Year of Saint John Vianney (also known as the Cure of Ars) began on Friday, June 19th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Special event and prayer opportunities will be celebrated throughout the year.

As we honor the life of St. John Vianney we ask his intercession that all the members of the church ~ religious, laity and priests ~ will accept the call of our baptism to holiness and ministry.



Three new priests, Fr. Daniel Champoli, Fr. Robert Mucci, and Fr. Thomas Shepanzyk will be ordained for our Diocese on June 27th at Saint James Cathedral.

To learn more about our new priests, please go to our new website: www.BrooklynPriests.org. You can watch the entire Ordination on "The Net" (Cablevision Channel 30 or Time Warner Cable Channel 97) or streaming online at www.netny.net.



REMINDER ---

During July & August all parish organizations, societies and prayer groups will NOT meet. In addition, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held on the First Friday of July and August.

All parish organizations, societies and prayer groups including First Friday Exposition will resume after Labor Day in September.

N.B. The A.A. Group that meets here at Saint Luke will continue to meet on Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the lower church.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM

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

Baptism Class

Baptism Sunday

July 20
August 17

June 28
July 12 & 26
August 9 & 23

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



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION - SOCIETY OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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June 9, 2009

*Msgr. John C. Tosi
St. Luke Rectory
16-34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, NY 11357*

Dear Msgr. Tosi,

Many thanks for your donation of vestments and sacred vessels to the Mission Office. We are most grateful.

All through the year, many different missionaries visit our office. Aside from the Mass stipends, they invariably ask for vestments, chalices, sacramentals and furnishings which they take back to their mission churches. Be assured that these articles will be placed in the hands of the needy missionaries who will gratefully receive them and remember you and your parish in their prayers.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Saint Francis,

*Brother Jeremy Sztabnik, O.S.F.
Associate Director*

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.



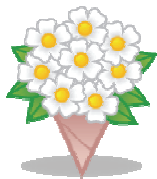
CLOTHING DRIVE ---

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.



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.

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. - Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tues. - Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14
Wed. - Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thurs. - Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29
Fri. - Gn 17:1,9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4
Sat. - Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **FRANCESCO DAVI & ALBERT RONCI** at the request of their children; the candles are burning in memory of **ROBERTO SALVIO & PALMIERI MARTELLI** at the request of their daughters.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Anne Portanova
Anna Fuchs
Michael Fuchs*

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

*J. Robert McAleer
Paul R. Cappuccio
Monserrate Tanon*

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 22, 2009



Monday, June 22

7:00 Anthony & Josephine
Digricoli
12:00 Helen Reilly

Tuesday, June 23

8:30 Peter Jerry Margiotta (11th Anniversary)
12:00 Millie & Joseph Lallo

Wednesday, June 24

7:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:00 Salvatore Caprara

Thursday, June 25

8:30 Robert Toborg
12:00 Giovanni & Domenica Tassielli

Friday, June 26

7:00 Michael Balbo
12:00 Alberto Guerra

Saturday, June 27

8:30 Joseph Tomasso (Wedding 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 Masses will be 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.

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.



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.



POPPEHUSEN INSTITUTE

114-04 Fourteenth Road, College Point, N.Y. 11356

Summer Program: Sunday, July 5 at 6pm - "The American Concert Band" performing patriotic music

MacNeil Park - 5th Ave. & College Place

Sunday, July 12 at 3pm - "Risky Business" performing music of the 50's & 60's

MacNeil Park - 5th Ave. & College Place

Sunday, July 19 at 3pm - "The Something Special Orchestra" performing the

Sounds of the Big Bands at Poppenhusen Institute, 114-04 14th Road

Call for information (718) 358-0067. Bring a chair or blanket.

FREE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Tues., July 7 at 10:30am - Magic & Comedy

Tues., July 14 at 10:30am - Puppets & Storytelling

Tues., July 21 at 10:30am - A Native American Program

Wed., July 29 at 11:30am - live animal & reptile education show

Family Karaoke Night - Every Wed. in August from 6-8pm in the yard or kindergarten room.

