

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.



*But he answered him,
“Let the dead bury their dead”---
To him Jesus said, “No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”
(Luke 9:51-62)*

These words of Jesus in response to the two men in today’s Gospel may seem rather harsh and demanding. The request of each man (“Lord, let me go first and bury my father”; “first let me say farewell to my family at home”) seems fair and not unrealistic. Yet the Gospel story focuses our attention on the cost of discipleship.

Such reflection on discipleship seems most appropriate this weekend as Bishop DiMarzio ordains three men to the priesthood for service in the church of Brooklyn and Queens. Please keep these new priests in your prayers - Father Michael Bruno, Father Alonzo Cox and Father Nixon Francois. They were ordained on Saturday, June 26 at 11:00AM in the Cathedral Basilica of Saint James in Downtown Brooklyn. Pray that they will accept both the privilege and the responsibilities of priesthood as they begin their priestly ministry. Priesthood is a wonderful life for those called by God. Yet, there is a cost to this discipleship - a willingness to do God’s will and not their own. Priests are called to holiness and mission. Pray that our new priests will be generous in service, alive in faith and overflowing in love.

Yet - the call to discipleship - to holiness and mission - is not a call given to priests alone. The call to discipleship is a common call to all who have received baptism. It is a call lived out in a particular vocation - marriage, priesthood, single state and religious life. Each is unique; each has special graces. Yet all share a common call to holiness and mission. And each shares the cost of being a disciple.

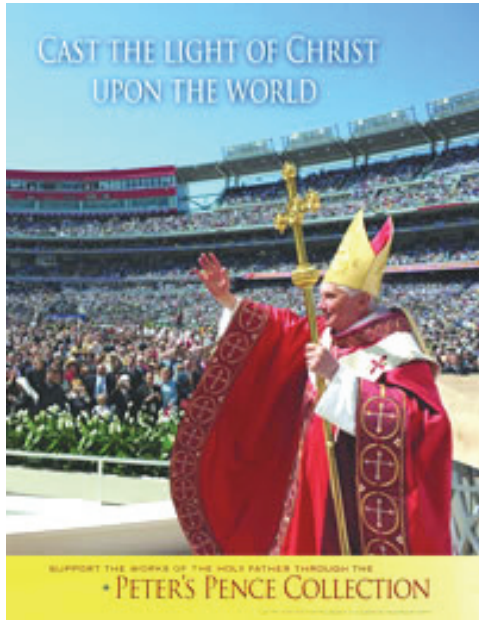
However, the reward for faithful discipleship is great - joy in this life lived in union with the Lord and within the family of the church; hope in the promise of eternal life. May we respond “Yes” to the Lord’s call - every day.

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.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION ---

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love...gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (Caritas in Veritate, no. 78).

Cast the love of Christ upon the world - please be generous in today's collection.



VIRTUS TRAINING ---

A VIRTUS training course is being offered at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, June 30 from 6:30pm-9:30pm. If interested in attending, please register online at www.virtus.org and click on Brooklyn, then register for the Holy Trinity session.

Remember, all volunteers wishing to participate in school or parish activities MUST be VIRTUS trained. New school parents are urged to take a training course so that they may participate in school activities.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ---

The Annual Clothing Drive sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place **TODAY**, Sunday, June 27 from 8am until 1pm in the church parking lot. Gently used articles of clothing are most appreciated.



To all who supported last weekend's special collection for air-conditioning. A total of \$4,461 was donated to help offset the cost of air-conditioning the church. Once again, we are most grateful for your generous response.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ---

In observance of the 4th of July National Holiday, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. The Rectory Office will re-open on Tuesday, July 6th at 9:00AM.



“Prayer and faith united are unimaginably powerful. Always pray with Jesus, remembering that a person united with Jesus can do everything. Keep this verse in mind, “I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.” Have faith, pray with faith, and good and overflowing measure will be given you.”



St. Frances Cabrini

JUST A REMINDER ---

Now that the warm weather is back with the arrival of summer, please remember to come to church properly attired. Again, how we dress for church shows our love, respect and reverence for the house of God and the sacred rites being celebrated.

And the church is air-conditioned! What may be appropriate for other places is often not appropriate for church.



SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER---

And with the coming of summer comes vacation and a change of pace here at the parish. **During July and August there are NO meetings for all groups, societies or organizations which meet in the parish.** All involved are asked to make plans now to schedule no meetings in July and August. The summer schedule will begin the week of June 28th; the fall schedule will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ---



The Adult choir is looking for “Sopranos, Altos and a Few Good Men” to sing in the choir. Even though our singing season is drawing to a close for the summer, we would like you to consider joining this ministry integral to our liturgy. The ability to read music is not necessary but helpful. We will teach you all you need to know. Our repertoire spans all styles of music from baroque to contemporary. When the choir begins its new season in September, there’ll be a seat waiting for YOU!

FOLK GROUP NEWS ---

The Folk Group will take a much deserved summer vacation during the months of July and August starting this Sunday, June 27th. Congratulations and thank you to the Folk Group for their service to the parish community by sharing their gift of music and song in helping us praise and worship the Lord each Sunday. Special thanks to Joseph and Patricia Brintle for their dedication and enthusiasm. The Folk Group will return after the Labor Day weekend.



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.



June 20 Collection	\$12,246
Amount Needed	\$13,000
Envelopes Mailed	1,780
Envelopes Received	658

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP ---

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Class 7:30pm	Baptism Sunday 3:00pm
Mon., July 19	July 11 & 25
Mon., Aug. 16	Aug. 8 & 22

Are You a Registered Parishioner?

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Parish you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and filling out a census card. You may return the card by mail, in person at the Rectory Office or in the Sunday collection basket. You will then be registered in the parish and will receive weekly offering envelopes.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



**GOLDEN AGE SENIOR FESTIVAL ---
PLATZL'S BRAUHAUS (POMONA, N.Y.)**

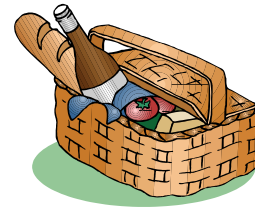
Thursday, July 15, 2010

Cost \$49.00 Time: 8:15AM *SHARP!!*

On arrival - Danish & Coffee
12 Noon: Franks, Burgers, Sausage & Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Salads, Watermelon, Beer & Soda all day.

4PM Sit-Down Dinner - Roast Beef or Chicken, Salad, Vegetable, Desert, Coffee, Tea.

*Call Eileen at
(718) 352-3902*



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, June 29, 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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL--- GOOD NEWS!!

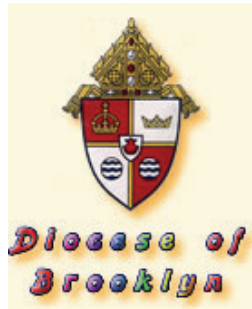


As of June 22, I am pleased to announce that we have made our parish goal. Due to the generosity of 424 donors a total of \$129,517 has been pledged with \$93,062 already received.

A most sincere ***THANK YOU*** to the donors who have so generously supported the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please make your gift today. Now that we have reached goal all gifts will return to support our parish and the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church.

Thank you and God bless!



CHRIST JESUS OUR HOPE: STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS PRAYER ---

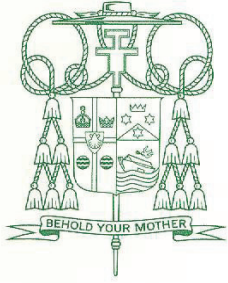
O God of hope, we believe that you dwell within us. As we face the realities of parish life in our diocese, we pray that each of us remain open to the movement of your spirit as we study the data and its implications.

Guide us in our deliberations, enable us to work together...realizing that while change is inevitable, there is a great hope in our belief that you are with us at all times.

Strengthen our resolve to continue to bring about your reign in our world, through the efforts of all: our bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious, and parishioners.

Hear our prayer, O God of hope. Amen.

(This prayer is offered to each parish by the women and men religious of the diocese who hold all in prayerful remembrance.)



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

June 3, 2010

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi
Church of St. Luke
16-34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357-2623


Dear Monsignor Tosi,

Allow me to offer my congratulations to you and the parishioners of St. Luke on reaching your 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) goal of \$93,701. You and your Appeal Team, as well as your parishioners, are all to be commended for the diligence, sacrifice and personal investment each has made in this important endeavor for the Church of Brooklyn and Queens.

Your leadership and example in implementing the local Appeal is an inspiration to all. It is because of the generosity of your faithful parishioners that so many in the Diocese of Brooklyn will be helped, as we come together to share our love for others through Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services, Vocations Support, Catholic Education, Chaplaincies, Faith Formation and Pastoral Life and your own parish.

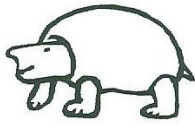
Each of you can give thanks for all that is accomplished through parish and diocesan ministry, and recognize the hope that goes hand-in-hand with your charity. I pray that you and your parishioners will continue to emphasize participation in the Appeal, while understanding the magnitude of the impact that our Annual Catholic Appeal has on the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the parish of St. Luke.

Thanking you again for your leadership and asking the Lord to extend His choicest blessings upon the people of St. Luke, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn



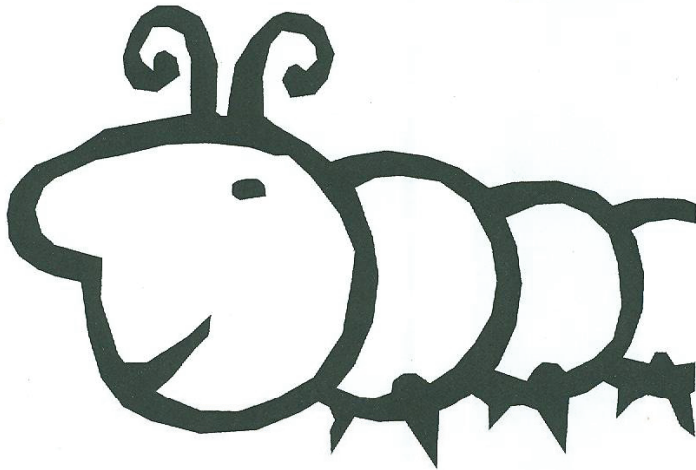
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St. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF

RELIGION NEEDS

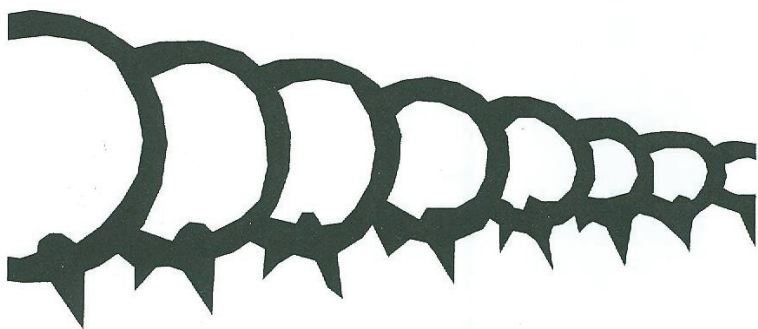
MANY HELPING HANDS

AND FEET



The involvement of parents/guardians is crucial to the success of our parish Religious Education Program. Please consider becoming a catechist, classroom aide or hall or door monitor for the 2010-2011 year.

If you can offer your assistance, please return the tear-off below.



I am interested in teaching. _____

Grade preference. _____

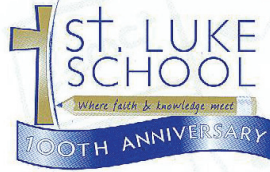
I would like to team teach. _____

I am available to substitute. _____

I would like to help as class aide. _____

I can assist as a hall or door monitor. _____

NAME _____ PHONE # _____



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...

*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 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Mon.- Am 2:6-10,13-16; Mt 8:18-22
Tues.- Acts 12:1-11; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18
Wed. - Am 5:14-15,21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thurs.- Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri. - Am 8:4-6,9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Sat. - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**MARIA LATA
MATHIAS SCHMALZ
DEBBIE JOHNSON
JOSEPHINE MADDI
CHARLIE DOONAN
ROBERT SODERQUIST
BILL O'CONNELL**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

JOHN CHARLES BEHRINGER



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2010

Monday, June 28

7:00 Monica A. Platt &
Deceased Family Members
12:00 Mary & Anthony Eich

Tuesday, June 29

8:30 Alberto Guerra
12:00 Maria & Giovanni Vosilla

Wednesday, June 30

7:00 Beatrice Carcone
12:00 Josephine Caprara

Thursday, July 1

8:30 Aldo Palmieri
12:00 Anthony Iemma

Friday, July 2

7:00 Teresa Paratore & Liosi Family
12:00 Matteo Mascoli

Saturday, July 3

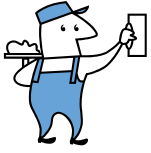
8:30 James Aloysius Reilly

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **MARIA VOSILLA** requested by Joseph & Rose Vosilla.



The Eucharist



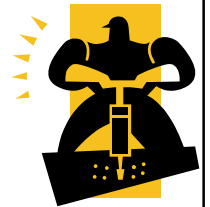
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE NEWS ---

- The Sanctuary carpet is in need of attention; after years of use it is time to replace it. Rather than a new carpet, the oak parquet floor under it will be restored and polished. The necessary restoration work will take place the week (Monday-Friday) of July 26th through 30th. During that time all Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. Funeral Masses will be celebrated in the Hall as well or at Holy Trinity Church by one of the priests from Saint Luke. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph Gibino, pastor of Holy Trinity for his gracious welcome.
- Church Parking Lot --- Work on the parking lot should begin by the end of June. The project will require that the lot be closed to all vehicles during construction. An estimated time frame for completion of the project is two to 3 months. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Parishioners will be asked to park in the schoolyard.
- Stained Glass Windows --- In a letter dated June 4, 2010, Bishop DiMarzio has granted permission for the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church. Having received the Bishop's permission we can now move forward with the project. We are grateful to the Bishop for his approval.

We will continue to keep you informed on these projects as additional details become known. We are grateful to our parishioners. It is only because of your generosity, goodness and love of the parish that we can accomplish so much in maintaining and improving our parish grounds and buildings.

NEW WINDOWS IN THE RECTORY ---

This past week five windows on the second floor in the rectory's turret were replaced. This was much needed as they leaked badly every time it rained; these windows were originals so we got our money's worth out of them! The new windows with labor cost \$4,000. The work included removal of the rotted windows; installation of Anderson replacement wood windows; new windows stained and varnished; exterior of the windows to be capped with bronze aluminum and all necessary pointing of brick work.





CYO CHAMPIONSHIP

The 5th Grade Girls Softball Team won the *CYO* Championship for the second year in a row! Pictured above (top row) are coaches Mike Ware, Joanne Capo (Head Coach) and John Palmieri, (top row of girls) Amber Fioranelli, Lianna Perri, Alexa Ware, Rebecca Colak, Sara Palmeri, Sabrina Antonelli, Cassidy Tuohy, (bottom row of girls) Melina Calzolaio, Alexa Capo, Tara Lynch, Sequoia Cirillo, Erin Creegan and Alyssa Olivieri.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



THANK YOU TO THE COACHES!

Pictured above are (left to right) Mike Ware, Joanne Capo (Head Coach) and John Palmeri with the CYO Championship Trophy.





Community News

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH & HEARING CENTER ---

The St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center will be sponsoring free speech and hearing screenings from June 21, 2010 through August 9, 2010. Please call (718) 990-6480 for an appointment and directions. The Speech & Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, N.Y.

The St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center will be offering Hearing Aid Help from June 21, 2010 through August 9, 2010. This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call the Center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment.



THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ---

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 20th through the 22nd, 2010. For information and reservations, call John at (516) 822-0635, Karen at (201) 736-8200 or Jim at (718) 474-3779.

