

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



On Saturday, June 27th at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint James, Brooklyn, three young men were ordained to the priesthood for service in the church of Brooklyn and Queens. Please keep them - Rev. Daniel Champoli, Rev. Thomas Shepanzyk and Rev. Robert Mucci in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry. We give thanks to God for the gift of priesthood and to these men for their "Yes" to the call to priesthood.

I am especially proud of the ordination of Father Champoli. I have known Father since he was a boy at Resurrection Ascension parish, Rego Park where I served for seven years. I was the priest who gave him Holy Communion for the first time! And now he is a priest. I am looking forward to concelebrating Father Champoli's first Mass on Sunday, June 28. Such celebrations are always very special moments of grace and will be an extra special memory for me.

Of course, as we rejoice in the ordination of these three young men we are called upon to pray for vocations. When I was ordained thirty-six years ago at Saint James Cathedral Basilica there were twenty young men ordained with me - and that doesn't include our classmates ordained in Rome. Perhaps you know someone who is thinking of a vocation to priesthood - encourage him; maybe you know someone you think may have a priestly vocation - mention that to him; what about the young men here at Saint Luke - others have heard the Lord calling and said yes to the call. Could the Lord be calling you?

So let us all pray for vocations. And while we're praying, let us remember to include in our prayers all the priests of the church especially those who serve here in our parish. And while we're at it, let me express in my name - and yours - our thanks and gratitude for the fine priestly ministry of Fathers Dettmer, Chirichella, Rene and Coffey. We are truly blessed by their goodness, holiness and service. They are truly good priests in the image of Jesus.

And so our prayer for all priests is:

*"May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment."*  
(Philippians 1:6)

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

*Mssa. Tosi*

***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.***



<b><u>June 14, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$9,100.50</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,668</b>	<b>650</b>

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**PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION ON T.V. ---**

Watch the Ordination from Saint James Cathedral Basilica on "The Net" (Cablevision Channel 30; Time Warner, Channel 97) or streaming online at [www.netny.net](http://www.netny.net).

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION ---**

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY ---**

Will be celebrated on Saturday, July 4. In observance of this national holiday the Rectory Office will close at 3:00PM on Friday, July 3 and will remain closed Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5.

The Rectory Office will open on Monday, July 6 at 9:00AM.

For emergencies only, call the Rectory at 718-746-8102.

Have a happy and safe holiday!  
God Bless America!



**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.



*During July & August the usual "From the Pastor" column will be taking a vacation. Each week in its place will be a column from one of the parish staff.*

**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 ---**

Thank you for your support of the special collection last weekend to help defray the cost of air-conditioning the church.

The total collected was \$4,813.50.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**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!



**ST. LUKE'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Spring soccer season is now finished and while we are proud of **all** of our teams and players, we want to announce:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 5th grade soccer team for coming in 1st Place in their division. Great job, girls!

Also, **Congratulations** to the 8th grade boys soccer team for finishing in 2nd place in their division. Nice work!





## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### RCIA

*Are you an adult who has never been baptized?*

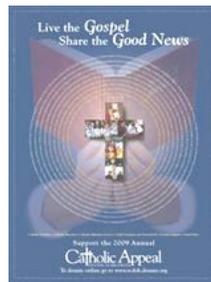
*Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?*

*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 502 donors as of June 16th a total of \$109,017 has been pledged with \$79,388.66 already received.

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

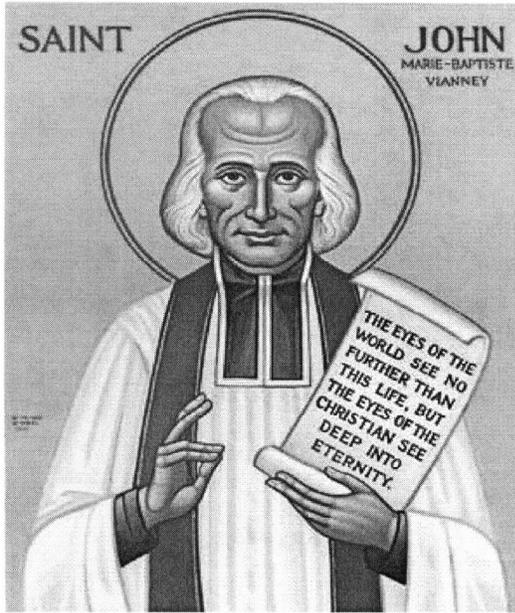
***So --- We need your help:***

- 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***



## YEAR OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

God alone can be the  
food of the Soul.

~ St. John Vianney  
Le Cure' d'Ars

### ***UPDATE ON BISHOP DIMARZIO ---***

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN  
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL  
75 GREENE AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11238

To: All Pastors and Administrators  
From: Bishop Frank Caggiano  
Re: Update on Bishop DiMarzio's Recovery  
Date: Friday, June 19, 2009

Allow me to provide you an update regarding the solid progress that Bishop DiMarzio is making following his surgery three days ago.

Yesterday, Thursday, June 18th, Bishop DiMarzio was well enough to leave the Intensive Care Unit and is now resting comfortably in a room. His doctors are very pleased with his recovery. The Bishop will remain in the hospital for a few more days, most likely until early next week.

On behalf of the Bishop, I wish to thank you and the people of your parish for your many prayers and best wishes. In lieu of flowers, plants or gifts that would be sent to the hospital or the residence, please continue to ask your people to pray for the Bishop's complete recovery from his surgery and a restful time of recuperation in the weeks ahead. Also extend to them the Bishop's gratitude for their prayers, best wishes and support.

As we begin the Year of the Priest, may the Good Shepherd bless you with His strength, joy and peace. Best wishes for a restful summer.

**INTERNET SAFETY:**

**WE WOULD SHARE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOU ---**



Dear Monsignor/Father,

Internet safety for children and teens is a serious problem. I cannot help but wonder how difficult it is to teach the Word of God to young people when we are competing against all sorts of images in their minds. The proliferation of pornography that children and young people can easily access on the Internet is staggering.

The following information is but a “drop in the bucket” but I hope it is useful.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year.

Sister Pat Hudson

**JUSTICE’S Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention PROMOTES INTERNET SAFETY INCLUDING WEBSITES**

June is National Internet Safety Month. The purpose of this observance is to raise awareness of the dangers to which children may be exposed on the Internet and ways in which they can be protected from them.

Online safety is everyone’s responsibility. Parents need to be vigilant about their children’s use of the computer and cell phone. Teachers need to promote responsible Internet usage by students. Internet safety organizations need to help youth develop the decision-making skills needed to use the Web safely. Only through such coordinated efforts can we maximize the benefits of the Internet, while minimizing its dangers.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) supports a number of programs and activities designed to raise awareness about the importance of online safety and to help protect children and youth from online exploitation and victimization.

Resources: To obtain further information about OJJDP supported initiatives to promote Internet safety, visit:

**Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program**

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3>

**Project Safe Childhood National Public Awareness Campaign**

<http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/>

**NetSmartz** -- <http://www.netsmartzkids.org/indexFL.htm>

**Enough is Enough** -- <http://www.enough.org/>

**i-SAFE** -- <http://www.isafe.org/>

**WebWiseKids** -- <http://www.webwisekids.org/>

**IKeepSafe Internet Safety Coalition** -- <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>



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, choirs 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**

***July 20***

***August 17***

**Baptism Sunday**

***July 12 & 26***

***August 9 & 23***

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



## **ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS**

At the end of the school year, several special awards are presented to the students. These awards are described as follows:

### **Perfect Attendance Award**

The Perfect Attendance Award is presented to any student in grades K-8 who has achieved perfect attendance and no more than two lateness for the year.

### **Principal's Award:**

Any child in grades 4-8 who has attained a trimester grade average of 97% or above and has not received a U in art, computer, Italian or physical education, is eligible for the Principal's Award.

### **Honor Roll:**

Any child in grades 4-8 who has attained a year average of 90% or above in all major subject areas and has not received a U in art, computer, Italian, or physical education, is eligible for the Honor Roll Award.

### **Outstanding Achievement Award:**

Any child in grades 4-8 who has attained a year average of 95% or above in all major subject areas and has not received a U in art, computer, Italian, or physical education, is eligible for the Outstanding Achievement Award.

### ***PERFECT ATTENDANCE***

**KINDERGARTEN:** Jake Calamusso, Matthew Rohl, Christian Pace

**GRADE 1:** Anthony Pace, Matthew Weinberger

**GRADE 2:** Angelo Bartolotta, Luca Capo

**GRADE 3:** Tara Capo, Alessandra Ciuffo, Frank D'Elia, Michelle Runco

**GRADE 4:** Lauren Barrett, Cory Calamusso, Michelle Doherty, Connor Hayes, Carisa Lau, Tara Lynch, Fiachra McDonagh, Robert Planz, Joey Taranto

**GRADE 5:** Fabiana Macchiarulo, Tatjana Mustac, Joseph Pellarin, Mark Runco, Chandni Sahoo

**GRADE 6:** Dominique Danile, Gabriella DiDonato, Christina Doherty, Tori Lynch, Giulia Macchiarulo, James McCloskey, Joseph Mirro, Dilon Mordente, Daniel Swammy, John Tora, Zachary Weinberger, Kevin Winberry

**GRADE 7:** Christian Barrett, Christopher Cook-Vetrovsky, Santina DiMaggio, David Lago, Thomas Mustac, Dariel Nunez, Olivia Schultze

**GRADE 8:** Francesco Ciuffo, Matthew D'Urso, Michael Moravek, Michael Moravek, Arismendy Nunez, Anthony Scarallo, Kaitlyn Weinberger

### ***PRINCIPAL'S AWARD***

**GRADE 4:** Sabrina Antonelli, Cory Calamusso, Mellina Calzolaio, Michelle Doherty, Julia Greco, Connor Hayes, Massimo Indolini, Emma Kegel, Alexandra Leichnam, Fiachra McDonagh, Neeraj Sakhrani, Jenna Ventura, Alexa Ware

**GRADE 5:** Sabrina Blaskovic, Stephanie Blaskovic, Aisling McDonagh, Michael Rubin

**GRADE 6:** Paula Begonja, Peter Begonja, Gianni Cotoia, Kristen Courneane, Gabrielle DiDonato, Christina Doherty, May Jin, Alexa Kober, Lauren Licalzi, Giulia Macchiarulo,

Dean Marinis, Victoria Pascullo, Nicholas Saladin, Francesca Schiano, Daniel Swammy, Taylor Virone, Zachary Weinberger

**GRADE 7:** Nikolas Colak, Matthew Walsh

**GRADE 8:** Vito Cotoia, Salvatore Greco, Samantha MacDonald, Michael Moravek, Mary Grace Petinos, Brianna Pluchino, Anthony Scarallo, Matthew Siano, Kaitlyn Weinberger

## **SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)**

### **Honor Roll**

**Grade 4:** Lauren Barrett, Cory Calamusso, Mellina Calzolaio, Rebecca Colak, Ashley Dougherty, Julia Greco, Thomas Haufe, Emma Kegel, Carisa Lau, Kyle MacDonald, Alexis Normandia, Grace Spiezia, Amanda Toral, Alexa Ware

**Grade 5:** Stephanie Blascovic, Ana Jimenez, Joseph Lombardi, Tatjana Mustac, Michael Rubin, Julia Rukaj, Lorraine Tuohy

**Grade 6:** Anthony Aleksic, Justin Boniello, Gabriella Carbonara, May Jin, Elena Kyriakides, Guilia Macchiarulo, Dean Marinis, Angelo Perri, Sofia Randazzo, Gabriella Romano, Nicholas Romano, Francesca Schiano, Andrew Sommer, Daniel Swammy, John Toral

**Grade 7:** Colby Aranibar, Christian Barrett, Katie Bowles, Stephen Dierks, Santina DiMaggio, Steven Dimaris, Daniella Franceschetti, Marissa Hili, David Lago, Dariel Nunez, Joseph Romano, Olivia Schultze, Daniel Sommer, John Ventura, Lisa Ventura, Matthew Walsh

**Grade 8:** Evan Calzolaio, Francesco Ciuffo, William Civitillo, Vito Cotoia, Matthew D'Urso, Salvatore Greco, Kristen Lau, Anthony Macchiarulo, Madeline Moravek, Arismendy Nunez, Anna Rose Petinos, Anna Pignataro

### **Outstanding Achievement**

**Grade 4:** Sabrina Antonelli, Michelle Doherty, Connor Hayes, Massimo Indolini, Alexandra Leichman, Fiachra McDonagh, Neeraj Sakhrani, Jenna Ventura

**Grade 5:** Sabrina Blascovic, Fabiana Macchiarulo, Aisling McDonagh

**Grade 6:** Paula Begonja, Peter Begonja, Dominick Collura, Gianni Cotoia, Kristen Cournane, Gabrielle DiDonato, Christina Doherty, Alexa Kober, Lauren LiCalzi, Victoria Pascullo, Nicholas Saladin, Taylor Virone, Zachary Weinberger

**Grade 7:** Massimo Antonelli, Nikolas Colak, John Martakis

**Grade 8:** Samantha MacDonald, Michael Moravek, Mary Grace Petinos, Brianna Pluchino, Anthony Scarallo, Matthew Siano, Kaitlyn Weinberger

## **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!

## **LAY (THIRD ORDER) CARMELITES --**

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (Third Order) is a special way of life offered by the Order of Carmelites to those who wish to follow the Lord more closely in imitation of Our Blessed Lady, blending the life of a lay person with the spirituality of Carmel.



While every baptized Christian is a sharer in the same call to holiness, and the same missions to follow Jesus in the light of the Gospel, Lay Carmelites are invited to accept this call in a deeper way, benefitting richly from Carmelite spirituality and sharing in the graces which flow from the way of life and good works of its members throughout the world.

The Lay Carmelites of St. Luke's Chapter meet on the second Friday of each month at 7PM in St. Luke Church. We would be happy to have you come as our guest to one of our future monthly meetings.

For further information, please contact Lori at (718) 507-4561.



## **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. - Acts 12:1-11; Mt 16:13-19  
Tues. - Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
Wed. - Gn 21:5,8-20a; Mt 8:28-34  
Thurs. - Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8  
Fri. - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
Sat. - Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17



**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Breads are in memory of **VITTORIO MARTINO** at the request of Deborah & Marion O'Connor.



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:**

*Anne Portanova  
Anna Fuchs  
Michael Fuchs  
Rose Battoni*

**AND FOR THE DECEASED:**

*Marjorie O'Neill*

***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 29, 2009**



**Monday, June 29**

7:00 Monica & Benjamin Platt  
& deceased family members  
12:00 Fred Tomasone

**Tuesday, June 30**

8:30 Beatrice & Sabatino Carcone  
12:00 Rosemarie & Frank Molfetta

**Wednesday, July 1**

7:00 Michael Balbo  
12:00 Alfonso Carotenuto

**Thursday, July 2**

8:30 Antoinette & Paul Manzo  
12:00 Rose & Carmine Urciuoli

**Friday, July 3**

7:00 Peter Costanzo  
8:30 Aldo Palmieri  
12:00 James Aloysius Reilly

**Saturday, July 4**

8:30 Pasqualina, Donato & Marianna Petraglia



**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, July 11 at 12 Noon for:

**MARY CARDILLO**

**BENIAMINO COLALILLO**





Community News

**CRAFT VENDORS TAKE NOTE!**

The Parents Association of St. Agnes Academic High School, College Point, N.Y. will sponsor a "Craft/Health Fair" on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Don't be left out - Reserve your space now! Call Lori at 718-353-1337 or Yolanda at 718-847-7005 for information.



**TACHS PREPARATION PROGRAM:**



A six week TACHS Preparation Program will be offered at Holy Cross High School beginning Saturday, October 3rd. Parents of students who will be entering the 8th Grade may call the following number for further information: (914) 771-8577.

**HEALING MASS ---**

Continuing in the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher, CSsR there will be a Healing Mass at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 - the death Anniversary of Fr. Dennis - R.I.P.

7:00PM - Rosary, Mass & Healing Service      Celebrant: Fr. Augustine Fernando

For more information contact Immaculate Conception Center at 718-229-8001.

Come and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the presence, healing touch and power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and our mother.



**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.

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**POPPENHUSEN 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.

