



*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. Today's column is from Fr. Dettmer.*

***"Everything else can wait. The search for God cannot wait."***

That's a quote from the late George Harrison, the musician and one-time Beatle who, very early on in the midst of "Beatlemania," realized that there was more to life than fame, adulation, and material possessions. This realization led him to a life-long search for the divine in himself, others and the world. And while his journey of discovery may not have been the one that most of us would undertake, his search did bring him peace and understanding.

The quote reminds me that we are all on a similar journey, a similar search for God in our lives and in the world. It's a search in which we look to our faith to provide us answers to the really big questions of our lives such as why we're here and what it all means. As Christians, we believe that God has revealed to us all He wishes to tell us about himself in His Son, Jesus Christ. And yet, we know that there is always more we can discover about the presence of God in our lives and His plan for us and the world. Our search requires that we keep an open mind and an open heart at all times and that we have the sense of urgency which believes that there is something wondrous to be discovered in the next person we meet, around the next corner we turn, in the next quiet moment of our day. The search for God requires from us humility as well, the knowledge that God is always greater than our understanding of Him at any given moment, either as individuals or as a community. After all, how can a finite mind hope to ever fully understand that which is infinite, the divine. Despite such limitations, however, we believe that our God is present to us always, constantly inviting us to a deeper understanding and a more intimate relationship with Him.

The summer months slow things down somewhat for many of us, perhaps giving us a little more time for reflection and prayer. May these months offer each of us the opportunity to discover more about our God and his love for us.

I hope that this summer is truly a time when, in the words of the late John Denver, "you can talk to God and listen to the casual reply."

Have a great summer and, once again, thank you all for your kind thoughts and words throughout the year.

*Fr. Dave*

***Please note: During July & August the church will close each day Monday through Friday at 3:00pm.***

***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.***



**July 5, 2009 Collection**  
**\$11,082.85**  
**Envelopes Mailed**  
**1,726**

**Amount Needed**  
**\$13,000**  
**Envelopes Returned**  
**603**



***MEMORIALS AVAILABLE ---***

Please consider remembering a loved one - living or deceased - in a special way by donating a vestment in his/her memory or honor. Four new sets of vestments - red, green, purple and white - have been ordered for use here in the parish. Each vestment is made by the Trappist monks from Saint Joseph Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts. The name of your loved one will be placed inside each vestment and prayed for by the priest celebrant.

Your gift provides a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one. A donation of \$450 is being asked for each vestment.



**JUST A REMINDER**

A "Book of Prayer" containing the names of those presently serving in all branches of the armed forces especially those in harm's way has been placed near the statue of the Blessed Mother in the church.

In order to keep the intentions up to date your cooperation is needed:

- If you wish to include a name in our "Book of Prayer", please give the Rectory a call.
- The "Book of Prayer" is for the living currently serving in the military. It is intended to keep them from harm and return them home in safety.
- If a name has been submitted and the person is no longer serving in the military, please call the Rectory so we can remove the name and give thanks for his/her safe return.



**THE LAY CARMELITE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**ST. LUKE CHURCH, WHITESTONE**  
cordially invites you to our  
**Annual Triduum Celebration of the**  
**Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**  
on Thurs., July 16 at the  
**12 Noon Mass**  
with an array of refreshments  
following  
in the lower church.

For more information  
please contact Lori at  
718-507-4561.



**SUMMER HELP---**

While the parish priests get some well deserved and much needed vacation time, we are pleased to have both Father Coffey and Father Rene share their priestly ministry with us. During July and August Father Coffey will be celebrating both weekday and Sunday Masses; Fr. Rene will be celebrating two Masses each Sunday - one in Italian and one in English. We are most grateful for their generous service.





### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009**

Thanks to the generosity of 528 donors as of June 30th a total of \$115,348 has been pledged with \$88,874.66 already received.

Having reached the parish goal of \$93,701 all gifts over goal come directly back to the parish. This depends on each of us fulfilling our promised gift.

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

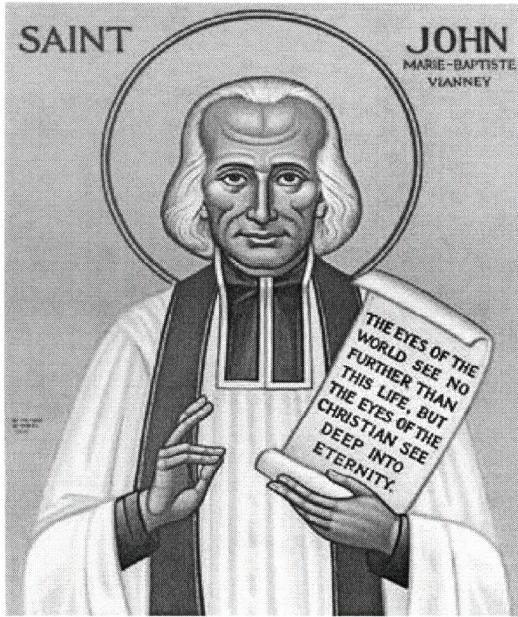
- Please continue to fulfill your pledges to the Appeal over the summer months. This is so important!
- Please consider making a gift today if you have not as yet done so. Last year nearly 700 donors supported the Appeal!
  - If you made a gift last year, please consider a gift to this year's Appeal.
  - 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 FOR PRIESTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF  
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**



“What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of his goods...”

St. John Vianney  
Le Cure'd' Ars

*Quoted in the Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to all the priests of the world dated 16 June 2009.*

**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?*

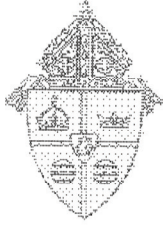
*Are you baptized Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?*

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.





DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN  
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL  
310 PROSPECT PARK WEST  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215

To: All Pastors/Administrators  
From: F. Caggiano  
Re: Update on Bishop DiMarzio's recovery  
Date: Monday, July 06, 2009

Allow me to provide you an update regarding Bishop DiMarzio's continued recovery from his recent by-pass surgery.

At the end of last week, the Bishop experienced a persistent nose bleed and he was taken to a local hospital where the emergency room doctor temporarily packed his nose and stopped the bleeding. The following day the Bishop went for a post-operative visit to his cardiac surgeon who then referred him to an otorhinolaryngologist. The doctor believed the bleeding would stop on its own. However, the Bishop continued to experience lingering weakness from the bleeding and was taken back to the hospital where he was admitted as a precaution. At some point, this week the doctors will determine what is the next step to permanently correct the problem.

Please continue to pray for the Bishop's ongoing recovery at the celebration of all Masses throughout the Diocese.

I will keep you informed of his progress in the days ahead.



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Rev. Msgr. John Tosi  
St. Luke's R.C. Church  
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Dear Msgr. Tosi:

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
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On behalf of the entire membership of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please extend to your parishioners a sincere "Thank You" for the clothing donated on Sunday, June 28, 2009.

JOSEPH MARTINO  
BRIAN THOMAS  
ED WILKINSON

Hopefully, if space permits, we would appreciate if you would place the following message in your Parish Bulletin:

A special "Thank You" to the parishioners of St. Luke's R.C. Church for the most generous donation of clothing made on Sunday, June 28, 2009 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This clothing, as many of you know, will be utilized to maintain the dignity of the poor and the needy in the Diocese.

Again, many thanks.

I also want to thank you for your time and concern in setting up this pick-up. Let's keep in touch.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bittner".

John Bittner  
Executive Director

c: Cosmo DiTucci



**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM**  
**If you are planning a summer Baptism,**  
**please note the following dates:**  
**Baptism Class                      Baptism Sunday**

**July 20                                      July 26**  
**August 17                                August 9 & 23**

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



***SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL***

We visit the poor, sick, elderly and physically challenged at home and in the hospital; offer financial help to individuals in emergency situations - utilities, rent, medication, food; run thrift shops, food pantries and soup kitchens. Please call the Rectory if you need help. All calls are confidential.



***ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS ---***

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



***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.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1  
Tues. - Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24  
Wed. - Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27  
Thurs. - Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30  
Fri. - Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8  
Sat. - Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21



## MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in honor of **KEVIN BASS** at the request of Deborah O'Connor.



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Rose Battoni*

*Connie-Marie Runyon*

## AND FOR THE DECEASED:

*Frances Volz Giugliano  
Everett S. Ramsey, Jr.  
Margaret (Peggy) Hecker  
Marilyn Frances Cioffi  
Patrick V. Walsh  
Frank V. Arnedos*

### *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 July 13, 2009

### **Monday, July 13**

7:00 John & Mary Morelli  
12:00 Rosemarie & Frank Molfetta



### **Tuesday, July 14**

8:30 Gilda & Carlo Bonetti  
12:00 Ana Zulic (50th Anniversary)

### **Wednesday, July 15**

7:00 Joseph & Molly Sankeralli  
12:00 Susan & Ralph Abruzzese & Family

### **Thursday, July 16**

8:30 Domenico & Carmela Monaco  
12:00 In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### **Friday, July 17**

7:00 Mildred Platt & Deceased Family Members  
12:00 Grace Melotin (Anniversary)

### **Saturday, July 18**

8:30 Bridget & Siegfried Schoen



## 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, July 26 at 11:45am.







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.



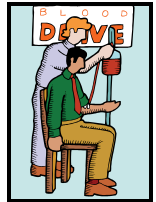
**TACHS PREPARATION PROGRAM:**



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.

**ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

Whitestone Community Volunteer Ambulance Service is having their Annual Blood Drive on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at their headquarters located at 12-15 150th Street, Whitestone from 9:00am thru 2:00pm. Please reserve some time that day and support this worthy cause. All donors will receive a free gift. For more details, call 718-767-1000.



**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.

**FOOD PANTRY**

St. Fidelis Food Pantry is open the first Wednesday of every month 10am-12 noon for those in need. For info call 718-886-4982. They are always in need of donations such as coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal, tuna fish and soup. Please bring donations directly to the Rectory.



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**HARVEST HOUSES**

**235 Cold Spring Road, Syosset, NY 11791 - (516) 496-9796**

Harvest House, Syosset, N.Y., a new model of housing for elders on Long Island was created in 1985. Today, twenty years later, we rejoice in the presence of three Harvest Houses on Long Island - Harvest House, Syosset, N.Y., est. 1985, Harvest Grove, Lake Grove, est. 1990 and Harvest Park, Floral Park, est. 1998. Every Harvest House is home for eight elderly men and women, a true experience in family. A Harvest House is affordable, gracious living that offers seniors both privacy and companionship, security and quality of life.

An opening is now available in the Syosset Residence and the Floral Park Residence. If you are interested in finding out more information or visiting one of our Harvest Houses, please contact: Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, O.P., CSW, Executive Director at (516) 496-9796. Website: [www.harvesthouses.org](http://www.harvesthouses.org).

