



Tomorrow, July 20th, marks the fortieth anniversary of the first men landing on the moon. I am sure that most of us who were alive at the time remember exactly where we were when Neil Armstrong took that “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” My family and I watched the moon landing at my grandparent’s home, because they had a color TV. Of course, the first pictures from the moon were in fuzzy black and white, but that didn’t seem to matter at the time. There was still that sense of awe and amazement that human beings were actually walking on the moon.

I remember the excitement of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs throughout the 1960’s. We would watch every launch into space, even in school, where our teachers would roll in an old TV and we would stop our usual lessons to watch mankind reach farther and farther beyond the bounds of the earth. It was truly a time of wonder, where it seemed that nothing was impossible for the human mind and spirit. Many of us believed that the lunar landing that July and those to follow in the ensuing years were but a prelude to reaching other planets in our solar system.

While that has not yet come to pass, the anniversary of the first lunar landing reminds us of the incredible power and drive of the human spirit. In those days there was the sense that human beings were constantly seeking to reach beyond the limitations that seem to hold us, not content to settle for the status quo. It seemed, at the time, that there was nothing that humanity could not accomplish. The anniversary of the first moon landing offers us an opportunity not only to recall these things, but to know that the same spirit lives in each of us. We each have the ability to reach beyond ourselves, the ability to do great things. Perhaps not on the scale of landing and walking on the moon, but things that can have a profound affect upon the worlds through which we travel. We can establish peace, if not in the whole world, at least in the small part that is ours. We can put an end to suffering, if not for all who suffer, at least for those we can. We can set right injustice, if not everywhere it exists, at least where we find it and can do something about it. After all, we’ve been to the moon.

So tomorrow, if you have a chance, look up at the moon and remember that you are a part of the humanity who walked upon it. When I look up, I’ll be recalling the words to one of my favorite Psalms:

*When I look to the heavens, at the moon and the stars you arrange,
what is man that you should give him thought?
Mortal man that you should care for him?
Yet, you have made him little less than a god.*

Fr. Dave

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 12, 2009 Collection
\$10,161.50
Envelopes Mailed
1,726

Amount Needed
\$13,000
Envelopes Returned
598



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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.



PLEASE NOTE:

During July and August the church will close each day, Monday through Friday at 3:00PM.

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 obtaining a form which can be returned in person, by mail or in the Sunday collection. After you register you will receive weekly offering envelopes.



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.

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.





ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Thanks to the generosity of 534 donors as of July 7th a total of \$118,899.09 has been pledged with \$93,089.08 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:

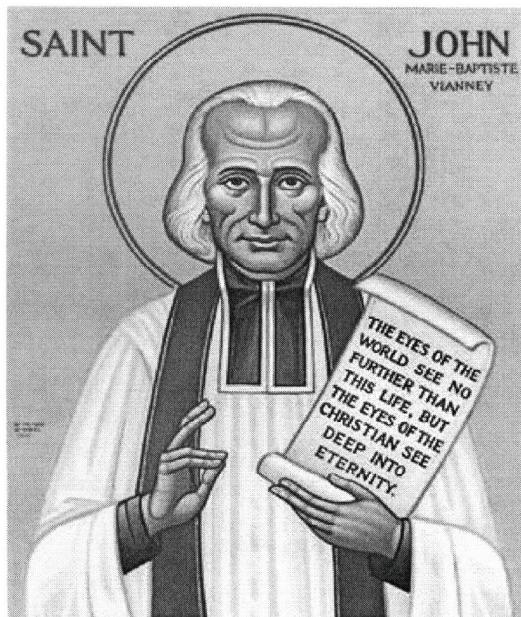
- Please continue to fulfill your pledges to the Appeal over the summer months. This is so important!
- Please consider making a gift today if you have not as yet done so. Last year nearly 700 donors supported the Appeal!
 - If you made a gift last year, please consider a gift to this year's Appeal.
 - 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**



Saint John Mary Vianney taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. "One need not say much to pray well" - the Cure' explained to them - "We know that Jesus is here in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer."

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.



United States[®] Census 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau
is issuing a call to action for
every resident of our nation:
“BE COUNTED IN 2010.”

The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- **When:** Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the **American Community Survey**.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

THE 2010 CENSUS IS IMPORTANT.

It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country. And it impacts your voice in Congress.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, schools, and more.
- Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, new housing and other facilities.
- Census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.



50 Uses for Census Data

1. Reapportioning 435 seats in the U. S. House of Representatives
2. Distributing over \$300 billion in federal funds
3. Distributing state funds
4. Understanding consumer needs
5. Locating factory sites and distribution
6. Planning for religious congregations
7. Forecasting future transportation needs and improving commuting patterns
8. Forecasting future housing needs
9. Directing funds for services among impoverished populations
10. Designing public safety strategies
11. Planning rural development
12. Planning urban development
13. Creating public and private sector surveys
14. Analyzing local trends
15. Conducting land use planning
16. Aiding in rescue and recovery of disaster victims
17. Developing assistance programs
18. Identifying areas that need energy assistance
19. Conducting environmental research
20. Conducting genealogical research (after year 2072)
21. Creating maps for 911 and other emergency response system
22. Planning for hospitals, nursing homes and other health services
23. Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans
24. Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the aged and children
25. Selecting sites for retail stores and new plants
26. Conducting historical search
27. Attracting new businesses to state and local areas
28. Spotting trends in the economic status of the Nation
29. Conducting investment and financial planning
30. Publishing economic and statistical reports in the U.S.
31. Conducting scientific research
32. Developing planning maps for government and business
33. Providing proof of age, relationship or residence
34. Conducting medical research
35. Conducting media planning and research
36. Serving as evidence in litigation involving land, voting rights and equal opportunity
37. Drawing school district boundaries
38. Planning for public transportation services
39. Planning health and educational programs for people with disabilities
40. Establishing fair rents and fair lending practices
41. Providing services to non-English-speaking children and adults
42. Understanding the labor supply
43. Assessing the potential spread of communicable diseases
44. Decision making and budget planning for national oil levels
45. Analyzing military personnel
46. Estimating numbers of people displaced by natural disaster
47. Making business decisions
48. Delivering goods and services to local markets
49. Drawing federal, state and local legislative districts
50. Evaluating programs and trends in different geographical areas



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.



GOLDEN AGERS ---

Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Cost is \$25. Bus leaves at 8:00am sharp. For more information, please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tues. - Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
Wed. - Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Thurs. - Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
Fri. - Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat. - 2Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in honor of **STEVEN TRAVALJA** at the request of Mary Toborg.

The Altar Candles are burning **FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.**



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Rose Battoni

Connie-Marie Runyon

Helen Sciamè

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

Cecelia DiTommaso

Damiano DiFalco

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 20, 2009



Monday, July 20

7:00 Maria Carimando
12:00 Eugeniusz Fronczak

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 Bambina & Antonio DiRe
12:00 Antonella Mattina

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 The Nicolosi Family
12:00 Bartolomeo, Benedetto &
Rosalia DiVerde

Thursday, July 23

8:30 Stanley Beck (11th Anniversary)
12:00 Sam Ignelzi

Friday, July 24

7:00 Vincenza Neglia
12:00 Anna & Jozef Makowski

Saturday, July 25

8:30 Joseph Anthony Rivera



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.



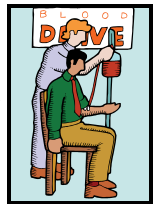
TACHS PREPARATION PROGRAM:



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.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS ---

Queens Symphony Orchestra's 11th Annual Great Lawn Summer Concert. Breezy Big Band Summer - Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 7pm. The Great Lawn in front of the Library, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY. Rain or shine. Rain location: under the tent in the Faculty Parking Lot. For more information, please call (718) 326-4455 or (718) 990-5892 or visit our web site at: www.stjohns.edu. Free parking and free admission! Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.



OZANAM HALL of Queens Nursing Home, 42-41 201st Street, Bayside, seeks: a part-time Activity Leader, no experience necessary, with good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; 15 hours per week, Friday evenings and weekends. Reliability a must! If interested please call Marilyn Gindi at (718) 971-2708 for further information.

