The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, New York

From the Desk of Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. ---

There is a saying that time flies when we are having fun! We must have had a lot of fun this pastoral year, because the year went by so very quickly.

We marked the 100th Anniversary of our school. This was a milestone for our parish and indeed something to celebrate. Celebrate we did! The school offered many events and activities for us to participate with them. The Gala, the Carnival, the Closing Mass with Bishop DiMarzio and dinner. I hope that you had the opportunity to re-connect and be part of all these wonderful celebrations.

On a personal note, I would like to share an update on my ministries.

The **Pre-Jordan Program** continues to grow and flourish. We are very fortunate that in the last ten years we average 125-135 baptisms a year.

I am very grateful to the Baptism Team who assist me at the class and Sunday Baptism. I am in need of forming new teams. *Would you consider this ministry?*

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The ministers go every Saturday to the Queens Rehabilitation Center of New York. I have four teams. The first Saturday one of our priests says Mass. The second, third and fourth Saturdays we have a Communion service.

The ministers also bring communion to the sick and elderly in their homes. The people really look forward to our visits. *Would you think about joining us at the nursing home or take a Communion call?*

Our **Consolation Teams** continue to assist the family in planning the funeral Mass. In 2010 we had 151 funerals. *Would you like to be a greeter or altar server?*

Father Vincent and I continue the **Bereavement Ministry** for the families that have suffered a loss. If you have lost someone recently, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

The Shawl Ministry makes beautiful shawls and lap robes for the sick and hats for newborn babies and for those undergoing cancer treatments. If you would like a shawl, please contact me.

I am most grateful to all my angels who assist me in my ministries. If you would like to become an angel I would love to hear from you.

The parish staff is busy planning for the Pastoral Year 2011-2012. We have planned many events and activities for families. So stay tuned!

Be assured of my love and prayers.



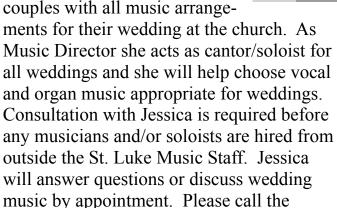
God Bless You! Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. Pastoral Associate

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.

PLANNING WEDDING MUSIC AT ST. LUKE CHURCH ---

Among her responsibilities, Jessica Tranzillo-Smith, Director of Music of Saint Luke Church, will assist engaged couples with all music arrange-





Are you a Registered Parishioner?

Music Office at (718) 746-3862.

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church you may do so by coming to the Rectory Office and filling our 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.

Lost ----

Infant's white baptism shoes size 2 from Baptism held on Sunday, July 10th.
If found, please contact Jacqueline
Lenhart Testa at 917-992-4954.

WORLD YOUTH DAY CAR WASH ---

Next weekend,
July 30 & 31st come get
Your car washed in the
parking lot adjacent to
our school. We will have air fresheners,
coffee, bagels and more.

Come by to support James and Teresa on their Journey to Spain!

We ask that you do not park your cars in this parking lot next weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀᢀ

CONGRATULATIONS ---

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage here in our parish.

Saturday, July 30 at 1PM

ALEJANDRO SOSA & MARISSA EVANGELISTA



We wish to apologize for incorrectly spelling a name listed last weekend for a wedding. The correct spelling is as follows:

Sunday, July 17 at 3pm
BALDASSARE SCIACCA
&
LAURA LUPO

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 17 \$11,279 Amount Needed \$13,425 Envelopes Mailed 1883 Envelopes Received 585



GOLDEN AGE SENIOR FESTIVAL ---

PLATZL'S BRAUHAUS (POMONA,N.Y.)

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Cost: \$55 Time: 8:15am *SHARP!!*

On arrival - Danish & Coffee

12 Noon: Franks, Burgers, Sausage & Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Salads, Watermelon, Beer & Soda all day

melon, Beer & Soda all day.

4pm Sit-Down Dinner - Roast Beef or Chicken, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee,

Tea. Call Eileen at (718) 352-3902



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.

୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰୰

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Sunday Baptism Class Aug. 28 Aug. 15 Sept. 11 & 25 Sept. 19 Oct. 9 & 23 Oct. 17 Nov. 13 & 27 Nov. 21

For more information, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at (718) 746-8531.

ૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹૹ

SEMINARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

offers MASTER of ARTS in THEOLOGY MASTER of ARTS in PASTORAL STUDIES

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS SEPT. 7, 2011 REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPT. 2, 2011

For further information, contact:

Academic Office

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743 (631) 423-0483 x 147

Or visit our website - www.icseminary.edu

Response from Bishop DiMarzio to the recent passage of the same-sex marriage legislation in the state of New York ---

Bishop Restates Policy

We elect our legislators to debate the important issues of our day. After consideration of each issue and the concerns surrounding them, our legislators then vote to establish laws that are in the interest of the common good. On one of the defining issues of our lifetime, and that of our children's, there was a serious breakdown in the legislative process. The members of our state legislature relinquished their responsibilities as elected officials and passed same-sex marriage on the last day of an extended session at the 11th hour.

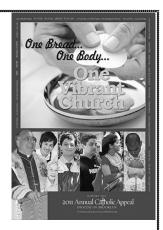
As a protest, I ask that no state legislator be invited to any parish or Catholic school celebration in Brooklyn or Queens for the foreseeable future. Certainly, the Diocese of Brooklyn welcomes the legislators to come to Mass and pray with us, but we are not offering them anything that can be misconstrued as a political platform. Furthermore, I am asking that no parish or school in Brooklyn or Queens accept awards or honors from the state legislators who voted in favor of same-sex marriage.

The Tablet July 16, 2011

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Thank you --- Thank you

As of July 18th a total of \$119,122.83 has been given by 451 donors with \$95,018.83 already received. This is truly remarkable and once again shows the generosity of so many parishioners.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners by making your gift to the Appeal.



Remember: Having now reached our parish goal - all gifts to the Appeal will come back to the parish to be used to cover the cost of the restoration of our beautiful stained glass windows in the church.

So please continue to fulfill your gifts - and make your donation today. God bless.

One Bread --- One Body One Vibrant Church

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 - MADRID, SPAIN

Thank you to those who have generously donated to the cost involved in sending the young people to World Youth Day 2011. Donations are still being accepted. Please return the tear-off below to the rectory with your check made payable to Saint Luke Church. For more information, please call Fr. Vincent at (718) 746-8102.

information, please call Fr. Vincent at (718) 746-8102.	
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011	†
NAME	WYD 2011 MADRID
ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	

FOURTH IN THE SERIES --STRATEGIC PLANNING - OPTIONS AND DECISIONS

Strategic Planning – Parish Finances

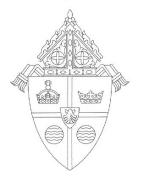
One of the most pressing concerns that Christ Jesus, Our Hope, the diocesan strategic planning process is addressing are unstable finances in parishes. While the primary focus of our parishes is and should be the pastoral mission of the Gospel, this mission can only be effectively lived out with appropriate use of the resources given to us to serve the mission.

The Church certainly does not exist to make a profit, but all parishes must live within their means. A parish family is no different than any other family. A parish household is expected to collect enough revenue to pay its expenses and not go into debt. This is the basic goal of any household. If possible, any additional revenue can be saved for unexpected future needs or for a large project that the parish envisions to develop its ministry. But, the basic expectation is that the parish is able to cover its expenses on an annual basis. Currently, 71% of parishes are not meeting this expectation.

The accumulation of debt in our parishes seriously threatens the ability of the Church to continue her ministry to the People of God into the future and for coming generations. As disciples charged with continuing the mission of Christ, we are commissioned with caring for the institutions that were passed on to us and building them up so that we can pass them on to those who will come after us. Those that come after us will then be charged with moving the church forward and passing it on.

We are now at a critical moment in our church. We are being asked to make some difficult decisions so that we will have viable centers of worship and ministry that can be passed on. The planning process is an attempt to make such hard choices together. We do so using some specific criteria such as creating balanced budgets, paying down debts, addressing needed building repairs, etc., but all of these criteria come down to one overarching consideration—are we ensuring that the parishes under our care are strong, vibrant, sustainable communities that have the potential for growth and renewal? Can we feel secure that the church we leave to the future leaders who will inherit our tradition is a church with a strong foundation, ready to face any future challenges and able to proclaim the gospel and serve the spiritual needs of the People of God?

Each generation has its own charge. Church leaders 80 or 100 years ago were charged with building grand institutions to the glory of God and to serve many generations to follow. Our charge is to take the bold steps needed to steward our resources in responsible ways so that the Church will endure and be a strong presence throughout time. Today, we are called not to build grand edifices, but the necessary, though sometimes mundane and even painful task of living within our means and slowly building a strong and vibrant church that future disciples will be proud to inherit. The steps we take today will determine what it is we pass on. The goal of our planning is that what we pass on can endure and remain long after us.



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION - SOCIETY OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

310 Prospect Park West • Brooklyn, NY 11215 Tel: (718) 965-7326 • Fax: (718) 965-7325

July 13, 2011

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi St. Luke Rectory 16-34 Clintonville Street Whitestone, NY 11357-2698

Dear Monsignor Tosi:

The recent appeal made by a visiting missionary hopefully gave your parishioners the opportunity to deepen their appreciation for the Church's universal missionary task. The vibrant church life in missionary lands, even amidst difficult political and economic situations, may indeed point us all towards true peace through evangelizing faith. What a gift to us as we give to them!

Thanks to you and to your parishioners for your hospitality and generosity. The donation of \$4,746.00 is surely needed and appreciated by Bishop Dominic Nguyen Chu Trinh of the Diocese of Xuan Loc in Dong Nai, Vietnam. The generous response by your parishioners again manifests their prayerful and sacrificial participation in our common mission.

The information you may have included on the response form and any other suggestions or advice are always appreciated.

Fraternally in Christ,

Deacon Louis J. Panico
Assoicate Director for

Rev. Terrence J. Mulkerin

Diocesan Director

Rev. Joseph Dzung N Hoang Our Lady of Vietnam Parish 11814 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20904

July 11th, 2011

Very Reverend Msgr. John C. Tosi Pastor, St. Luke Church 16-34 Clintonville St. Whitestone, NY 11357

Dear Monsignor John C. Tosi

I was so joyful and impressed with the kindness and generosity of the people of your parish. This is a short letter to convey to you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation and through you to the people of your parish who have heard my appeal and have responded to it in such a wonderful way.

On behalf of our Bishop Dominic Nguyen Chu Trinh and the people of the diocese of Xuan Loc, we can only say thanks and many thanks. We are thankful to you so much for your support and kindness in making the mission appeal a real success. I am asking you to kindly put this note in your parish bulletin the next publication.

May God bless you and your people always and reward you all million fold for whatever you have done for my diocese. I really trust that the people of the diocese of Xuan Loc will pray for you and your parish in return. With the best wishes for the season, I remain.

Respectfully yours in the Lord

tooDzwerttoong

Rev. Joseph Dzung N. Hoang

A THANK YOU FOR HOSTING O.L. OF POMPEII MISSION ---



SAINT ROCH CHURCH

10 Saint Roch Avenue • Greenwich, Connecticut 06830-6234 (203) 869-4176 • Fax (203) 618-0341

July 15, 2011

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi Pastor St. Luke Church 16 – 34 Clintonville Street Whitestone, NY 11357

Dear Msgr. Tosi,

Greetings in Christ and sincerest thanks for all you have done to make the Marian Mission a wonderful success. Wherever the image of Mary and Child went, it brought much devotion and many tears of joy. The delegation departed on June 27th and they were very happy with the warm reception they had received.

On behalf of His Excellency, Archbishop Carlo Liberati, the Prelate of the Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Pompeii, as well as the delegation that accompanied him, and in my own name, we are grateful for all your kindness and hospitality.

Thank you for your availability hosting the Mission on Monday, June 20. The delegation was very grateful for all the hard work that went into the preparations, the lovely hospitality and the delicious meals. I am very sorry that I was unable to participate, as I was recovering from a fever due to a sinus infection in those same days.

Be assured of my prayers in your work. Once again, thank you for your magnanimity.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello

USA Coordinator of the Pompeii Marian Mission

nauhen R. Diawrielle











COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR MILITARY

Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces sacrifice much to protect our Freedoms ...

yet they often lack some basic necessities which we all take for granted.

Please help Daniel Sommer in his Troop 235 Eagle Scout Project to collect items for our military.

TOILETRIES:

- BABY WIPES (travel size)
- HAND SANITIZER (travel size)
- Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser
- Razors (disposable)
- Sunblock
- Band-aids, First Aid Kits
- Vitamins (multivitamins are always needed!)
- Toothpaste, floss
- Deodorant
- Etc...

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS:

- 35 mm disposable cameras
- Electronic handheld games
- Small homemade gifts reminders & comforts of "home"
- Pens & mechanical pencils, small note pads
- Stationery & Envelopes; blank cards to send home
- Double-sided tape, small crafts kits, scrap-booking items
- Yo-Yo's, Dominoes,
 Playing Cards (new),
 Poker Chips & Mats, Dice,
 Frisbees / Hackey sacks
- Nerf Footballs / Whiffle bats, balls & Mitts / Sports equipment Nerf Foot

OTHER:

- LAUNDRY
 DETERGENT &
 FABRIC SOFTENER
 SHEETS:
- SOCKS: Black, Olive Green & White (cotton or wool)
- Black or Green duct tape, small tool kits, dust masks, carpentry tools, Fly swatters, fly paper, mosquito netting, bug repellent in <u>plastic</u> pump bottles
- Generic sunglasses (Ballistic, black only. No "mirror" types)
- Religious booklets, small bibles, inspirational readings
- Etc...

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED BEFORE AND AFTER MASS ON THE <u>WEEKEND</u> OF AUGUST 6 & 7

A table will be located outside church.

Together we **CAN** make a difference.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tues.- Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28; Mt 13:36-43

Wed. - Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thurs. - Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Fri. - Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sat. - Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

MARIA C. LATA

GINA AURISICCIO

THOMAS ALMOND

JOSETTE TANZOLA

MAKAYLA MAGUILES

JOSEPHINE MADDI

ROBERT SODERQUEST

WILLIAM BARRY

MAUREEN O'RIORDAN

KAY SEIDA

HAYES IRONS

GRACE GAMBY

GIUSEPPE FEDELE

RAYMOND SICKLES

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are given in memory of *STANLEY BECK*

(Anniversary) requested by his wife Mary.

The Altar Wine is given in memory of *JOSEPHINE TARDUGNO* requested by her children.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *JOSEPHINE FURNARI (20th Anniversary)* requested by Madeline & Thomas Bullaro.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 125, 2011

Monday, July 25 7:00 Angelo Gelo 12:00 Father David Kearns, O.C.

Tuesday, July 26 8:30 Kathleen Cropper (Living) 12:00 Avella Nicolaia

Wednesday, July 27 7:00 Matia Yuric & Maria Pasara 12:00 Domenico & Carmela Monaco

Thursday, July 28 8:30 Berenicia & Remigio Colalillo 12:00 Bartolomeo, Benedetto & Rosalia DiVerde

Friday, July 29 7:00 Joseph Bona 12:00 Maria & Giovanni Vosilla

Saturday, July 30 8:30 Carmela Valenzano

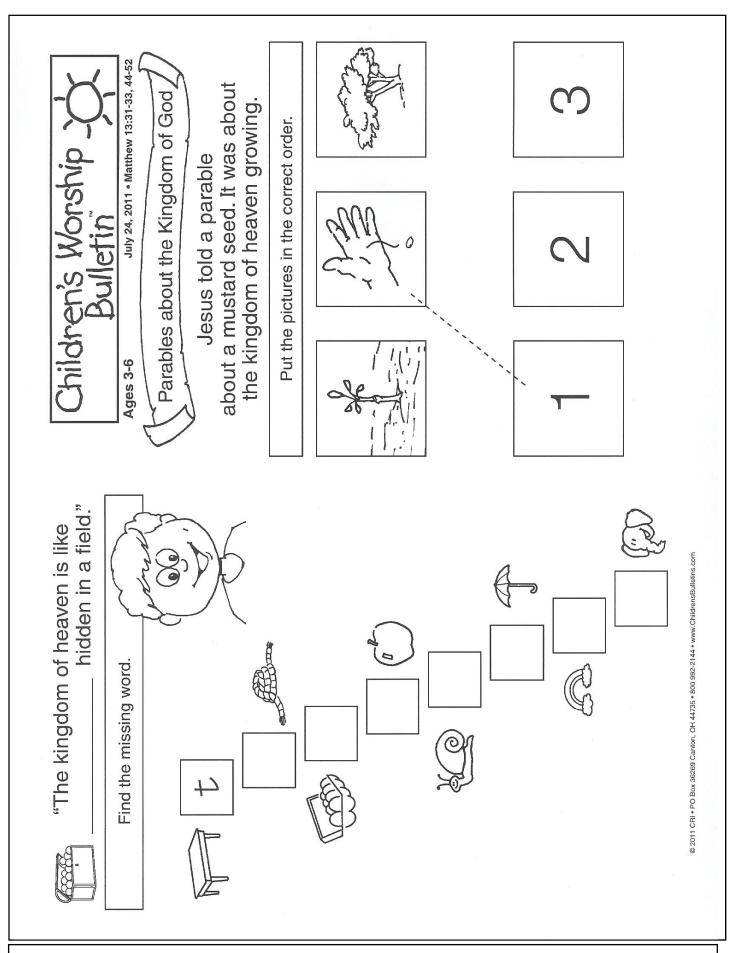
Collective Intentions Mass ---

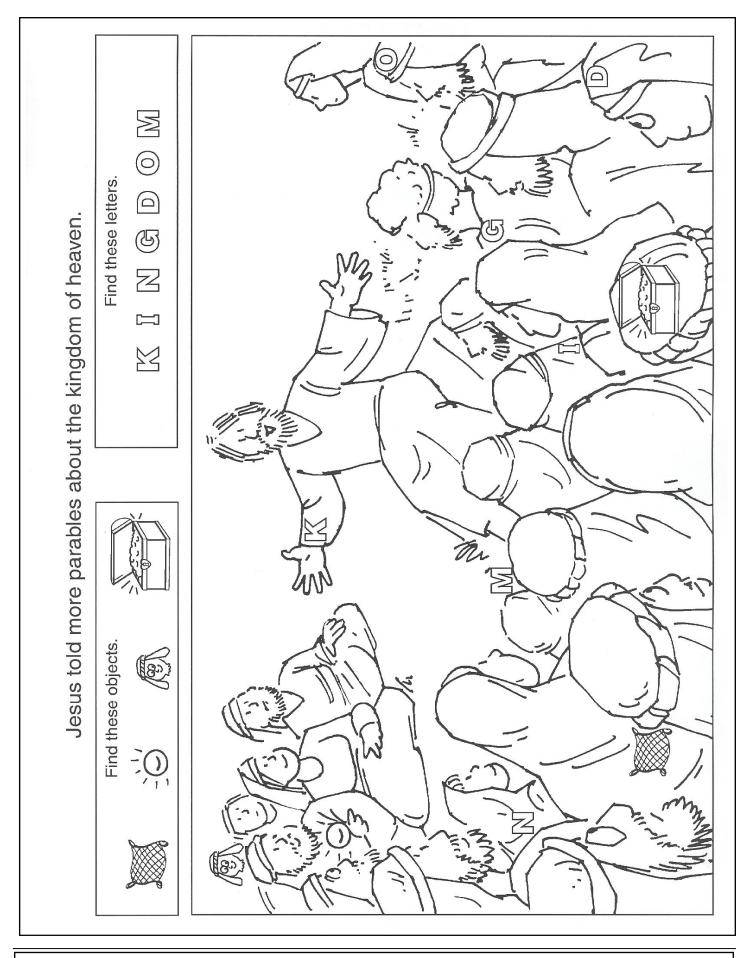
The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, July 24 at 11:45am.

At this Mass we pray for:

GIUSEPPE CHIARELLI JOSEPHINE TARDUGNO CALOGERO CICCOTTO







Page 13