

Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, N.Y.



Today is the Fourth of July - our national day of Independence. It is a day often marked by fireworks, get-togethers, picnics, barbeques and concerts. We celebrate in freedom the freedom and liberty that mark our country as land of the free and home of the brave. Once again we are able to celebrate July 4th each year only because of the sacrifices made by so many in the past and even now. Although we often take our blessings for granted, the Fourth of July helps us remember the blessing of our country. We are truly blessed in a country rich in natural resources, in a diversity of people living together in peace, in the freedom of democracy and in opportunity for all. Yet as we remember our blessings we remember they come with equal obligations and responsibilities. As citizens of this great country we need to be willing to imitate our founding fathers and mothers in sacrifice in order to preserve and deepen the blessings that our country offers.



As we gather for Mass together let us not forget to pray for our country - remember that it is "In God We Trust". May our prayers be those of thanksgiving for blessings received; May our prayers seek God's continued guidance on our country as we seek to meet the challenges of the present. In this way may we hand on to the next generation a country more dedicated to fulfilling the vision and ideals on which we were founded.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Tosi

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH & CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations.

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered,
laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States,
that his administration may be conducted in righteousness
and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides.

May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion. May he execute the laws with justice and mercy.
May he seek to restrain crime, vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the
proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government.

May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness and continue to bring us
the blessings of liberty and equality.

We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the legislature, for judges, elected civil officials,
and all others who are entrusted to guard our political welfare.

May they be enabled by your powerful protection to discharge their duties with honesty and ability.

We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy all citizens of the United States,
that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your holy law.

May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give;
and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

We pray to you, who are Lord and God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Adaptation of the prayer composed by Archbishop John Carroll for use on the occasion of the
inauguration of George Washington in 1789.*

PETER'S PENCE ---

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Due to your generosity, a total of \$2,351 has been given to the Holy Father. You have helped to cast Christ's love upon the world. To read more about the good done through the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



THANK YOU ---

To all those who supported the parish First Annual Golf Outing sponsored by the Athletic Association. Over forty golfers had an enjoyable day of golf, good food and beautiful weather with friends and parishioners. In addition, a total of \$2,300 was raised - \$1,000 was given to the school and \$1,300 was given to the parish. A sincere thank you to all who supported the event and to Sal Colak and the members of the Golf Outing Committee for their hard work in putting together such a successful event.

SPECIAL THANK YOU ---

On Thursday, June 24th the Golden Agers held their End of the Year Luncheon in the school hall. Over 123 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious catered hot luncheon celebrating another successful year for the Club which provides so many great activities for our Golden Agers. At the luncheon the Club presented Msgr. Tosi with a check for \$800 as a donation to the church. Msgr. Tosi is most grateful for their generosity and goodness to the parish throughout the year. Msgr. Tosi enjoys his weekly visit to their meetings on Thursday afternoons and looks forward to seeing them in September.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ---

The Msgr. Dillon Council #5872, Knights of Columbus, through the Andrian Conte Memorial Scholarship program, has awarded two one year Catholic school scholarships of \$600 each to children/grandchildren of its members on June 16, 2010. The recipients are: Gregory Watch, son of John Watch and a junior at Xavier High School in Manhattan; and Robert Bonelli, son of Gary Bonelli and a freshman at Xavier High School in Brooklyn.



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---

During the month of June there were:
17 Baptisms 7 Funerals 5 Marriages



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - JULY 16

The Annual Triduum in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will take place on July 14, July 15 and July 16 with Triduum prayers following the 12 noon Mass.

A special Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on July 16th at 12 Noon followed by refreshments in the lower church meeting room.

We wish to thank the members of the Lay Carmelite Group for sponsoring this Triduum in Honor of Our Lady.

June 27 Collection	\$13,476
Amount Needed	\$13,000
Envelopes Mailed	1,780
Envelopes Received	628

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Class	Baptism Sunday
7:30pm	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.

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, July 27, 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.

SUMMER TIME ---

Now that the summer is here so is a problem of some young people hanging out on church property. While much of the behavior is just hanging out, it does create annoyance to our neighbors as well as concern for more serious behavior problems.

In order to address this issue we have decided to lock the schoolyard. We have also spoken to the 109th Precinct seeking additional coverage. With the coming summer months we hope these actions will help alleviate the problem. Your cooperation and assistance is needed as well. We have been advised that if you see any problems to please call 911.



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.



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL--- GOOD NEWS!!

I am pleased to announce that we have made our parish goal. As of June 30, 438 donors have pledged a total of \$131,842 with \$96,187 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!

HAITI ---

The earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010 is being felt not only at its epicenter in Port-au-Prince but also in the small villages throughout the island. A great portion of the population of Port-au-Prince now lives in tents. To alleviate the already overcrowded city, the government has asked that the citizens return to their home provinces. As a result, those small towns are now feeling the influx.

Haiti is 90% Catholic and whether Haitians are happy or sad, they flock to the churches. Although not at the epicenter, the churches in the provinces have suffered greatly from the earthquake. When the earth moved, walls cracked, roofs opened, statues fell and broke, leaving the church walls empty. An organization, Friends of Paradis des Indiens, is working to repair the churches. They contacted Msgr. Tosi who was so very generous as to donate a statue of the Blessed Mother, a statue of Christ in the tomb, and a set of Stations of the Cross to be shipped to Marie Reine Immaculee Church in Les Abricots, a town in the southern part of Haiti. In addition, Msgr. Tosi was instrumental in obtaining from Chiarelli's Religious Goods a processional cross, a chasuble and a chalice which were sent to St. John the Baptist in Anse d'Hainault, just in time to celebrate their feast this past June 24th. Both these parishes are under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Jeremie.

Patricia Brintle

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.



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.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET
718-746-3833 www.SaintLukeOnline.com

At the end of the school year, several special awards were presented to the students at a Prayer Service conducted by Monsignor Tosi. We congratulate these students as they have worked diligently and are very deserving of these awards.



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: Mario Macchiarulo, Mia Scagnelli

GRADE 1: Matthew Buddenhagen, Jake Calamusso, Emily Mauro

GRADE 2: Ann Marie Aleo, Anthony Pace, Matthew Weinberger

GRADE 3: Charlene Kim

GRADE 4: Anthony Blaskovic, Ava Calamusso, Tara Capo, Alessandra Ciuffo, Joseph LiCalzi, Gabriella Polito, Michelle Runco, Timothy Sommer

GRADE 5: Sabrina Antonelli, Cory Calamusso, Alexa Capo, Michelle Doherty, Thomas Haufe, Tara Lynch, Robert Planz

GRADE 6: Sabrina Blaskovic, Stephanie Blaskovic, Yasmine Cardenas, Christina Iemma, Mara McDonagh, Tatjana Mustac, Joseph Pellarin, Antonio Polito, Mark Runco

GRADE 7: Nicholas Andersen, Guilia Macchiarulo, Paula Begonja, Gabriella DiDonato, Christina Doherty, Tori Lynch, James McCloskey, Joseph Mirro, Amanda Myskowsky, Nicholas Saladin, Andrew Sommer, Daniel Swammy, Zachary Weinberger

GRADE 8: Massimo Antonelli, Christian Barrett, Santina DiMaggio, Thomas Mustac, Jaelyn Spiezia



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

GRADE 4: Josip Banovic, Michelle Runco, Timothy Sommer, Steven Spiezia

GRADE 5: Michelle Doherty, Julia Greco, Connor Hayes, Massimo Indolini, Emma Kegel, Alexandra Leichnam, Fiachra McDonagh, Neeraj Sakhrani, Jenna Ventura, Alexa Ware

GRADE 6: Sabrina Blaskovic, Ana Jiminez

GRADE 7: Paula Begonja, Peter Begonja, Gianni Cotoia, Kristen Cournane, Gabrielle DiDonato, Christina Doherty, Lauren Licalzi, Dean Marinis, Victoria Pascullo, Nicholas Saladin, Zachary Weinberger

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

GRADE 8: Massimo Antonelli, Christian Barrett, Katie Bowles, Nikolas Colak

HONOR ROLL

GRADE 4: Josip Banovic, Tara Capo, Nicole Celentano, William Chao, Frank D'Elia, Lauren Dierks, Joseph Hili, Joseph LiCalzi, Gabriella Polito, Hailey Rama, Frank Romano, Richard Schiano

GRADE 5: Lauren Barrett, Cory Calamusso, Mellina Calzolaio, Megan Clifford, Rebecca Colak, Ashley Dougherty, Julia Greco, Thomas Haufe, Connor Hayes, Emma Kegel, Alexis Normandia, Alyssa Olivieri, Alina Ousman, Grace Spiezia, Jenna Ventura

GRADE 6: Stephanie Blaskovic, Alissa Carbonara, Laura Geoghegan, Joseph Lombardi, Fabiana Macchiarulo, Sophia Moreno, Tatjana Mustac, Antonio Polito, Julia Rukaj, Lorraine Tuohy

GRADE 7: Anthony Aleksic, Justin Boniello, Gabriella Carbonara, Dominick Collura, Dominique Danile, Alexa Kober, Elena Kyriakides, Daniel Lettire, Giulia Macchiarulo, James McCloskey, Joseph Mirro, Arianna Olivieri, Sofia Randazzo, Gabriella Romano, Francesca Schiano, Andrew Sommer, Daniel Swammy, Taylor Virone

GRADE 8: Angela Banovic, Christian Barrett, Steven Dimaris, Daniella Franceschetti, Marissa Hili, David Lago, Darel Nunez, Joseph Romano, Lisa Ventura, Matthew Walsh

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

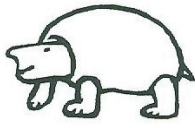
GRADE 4: Emily D'Urso, Michelle Runco, Timothy Sommer, Steven Spiezia, Briana Stephenson

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GRADE 6: Sabrina Blascovic, Ana Jiminez, Aisling McDonagh, Michael Rubin

GRADE 7: Paula Begonja, Peter Begonja, Gianni Cotoia, Kristen Cournane, Gabrielle DiDonato, Christina Doherty, Lauren LiCalzi, Dean Marinis, Victoria Pascullo, Nicholas Romano, Nicholas Saladin, Zachary Weinberger

GRADE 8: Massimo Antonelli, Katie Bowles, Nikolas Colak, Stephen Dierks, John Martakis, Olivia Schultze

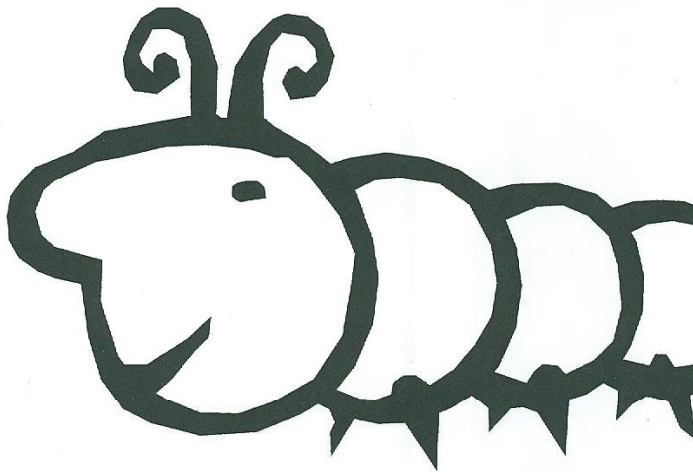


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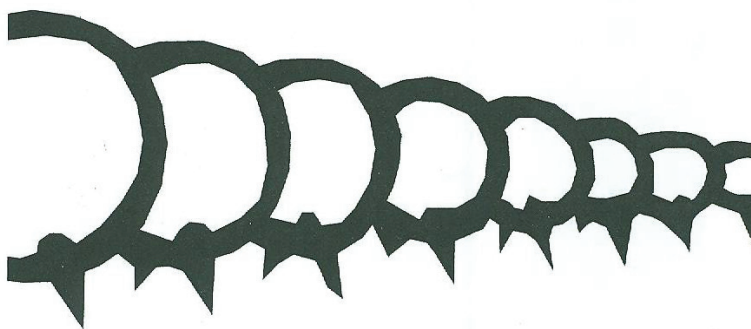
St. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF
RELIGION NEEDS
MANY HELPING HANDS
AND FEET



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. _____

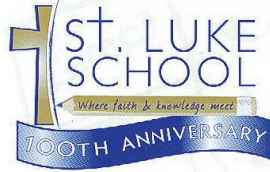
I would like to team teach. _____

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.- Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tues.- Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wed. - Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs.- Hos 11:1-4,8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Fri. - Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Sat. - Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

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

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**MICHAEL CASCIOLA
ROSE TAIBI
CARMELO COSTANTINO**



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2010

Monday, July 5

7:00 Mary Cardillo (Anniversary)
12:00 Theresa Murphy (Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 6

8:30 Pasqualina, Marianna & Donato Petraglia
12:00 Antonio Pietromonaco & Parents

Wednesday, July 7

7:00 Angelo Stigliano (Anniversary)
12:00 Helen D. Paladino (Birthday)

Thursday, July 8

8:30 Anthony Rossini (Anniversary)
12:00 Edward Ahr (Anniversary)

Friday, July 9

7:00 Mario Martinovich
12:00 Santa & Jack Gaeta (Anniversary) & Teodora & Agostino DiBari

Saturday, July 10

8:30 Matthew Doyle (3rd Anniversary)

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in honor of the **60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JOSEPHINE & TOM TURRISI** requested by Marion O'Connor & Family.



The Eucharist



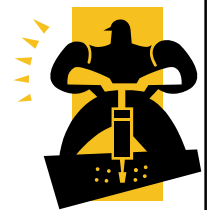
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE NEWS ---

- 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.

UPDATE ---

PARKING LOT

Msgr. Tosi has been informed by Mr. Louis Zuccarello of Queens Garden Nursery, Inc. that work will begin on the renovation of the church parking lot on Monday, July 12th. Completion of the work is estimated to take perhaps a month or two. The parking lot will be unavailable for use during that time. However, parking will be available in the school yard and in the small parking lot next to the school building as well as any available street parking. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.



N.Y. Times Award Best Selling Author,
ADRIANA TRIGIANI,
Visits Saint Luke School

On Friday, June 11th, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls had the honor and privilege of welcoming a N.Y. Times Bestseller, Adriana Trigiani to Saint Luke School. Adriana Trigiani is beloved by millions of readers for her hilarious and heartwarming novels. In September 2009, Ms. Trigiani debuted a premiere young teen novel, *VIOLA: In Reel Life*. After graduating from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana, Adriana moved to New York City to become a playwright. She founded the all-female comedy troupe "The Outcasts," which performed on the cabaret circuit for seven years. She made her off-Broadway debut at the Manhattan Theatre Club and was produced in regional theaters of note around the country. Among her many television credits, Adriana was a writer/producer on "The Cosby Show", "A Different World", and executive producer/head writer for "City Kids" for Jim Henson Productions. Her Lifetime television special, *Growing up Funny*, garnered an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ericka Conlon and Ms. Laura Durso, the junior high girls met during the months of March and April at a Lunchtime Reading Club. There the girls discussed the novel's plot, its themes and the characters, all of which had great relevance to the trials and tribulations teen girls face.

The moderators and students then anxiously awaited her visit. Ms. Trigiani's busy schedule and our equally hectic school calendar made it difficult to set up a date. However, true to her word and keeping her promise to our girls, Ms. Trigiani came on June 11th. The moment she stepped into the room her smile and charisma sent the girls to their feet clapping and cheering. She spoke to the girls about the creation of this novel and her other books, but what was most endearing was how she sat with each girl and spoke to them. Ms. Trigiani genuinely wanted to know about each girl, asking them questions about their hobbies and dreams. They each had their novel autographed and a picture taken with Adriana. Her visit left everyone in attendance smiling, laughing and truly inspired to reach for the stars!!! This was a truly remarkable opportunity.

Ms. Trigiani promised to keep in touch with her St. Luke's family and has also offered to give a Writer's Workshop next spring. Brava, Ms. Trigiani – a great role model for all women!!!

Adriana Trigiani Visits Our School





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.



CRAFT VENDORS TAKE NOTE!

The Parents Association of St. Agnes Academic High School, College Point, N.Y. will sponsor a "Craft Fair" on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Don't be left out - Reserve your space now! Call Lori at 718-353-1337 for information.