

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



On the occasion of the start of the special “Year for Priests” the Holy Father addressed a letter to all the priests of the world in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. John Vianney also known as the Cure’ of Ars, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide.

In his letter Pope Benedict XVI quoted often from the writing of Saint John Vianney. The bulletin today contains one such reference. In response to the saint’s words the Holy Father wrote: “These words, welling up from the priestly heart of the holy pastor, might sound excessive. Yet they reveal the high esteem in which he held the sacrament of the priesthood.” Excessive perhaps, but a high esteem St. John Vianney sought to live in his total devotion to the Lord and to the people entrusted to his care. The village of Ars of which he was pastor had 230 people. Yet the goodness and holiness of the Cure’ of Ars spread throughout France and indeed the entire world.

There are many good, faithful and holy priests within the church today who strive to live lives of service and love in what is often difficult and challenging times. Yet we know of the sadness caused by some priests. As the Holy Father writes in his letter: “there are also, sad to say, situations which can never be sufficiently deplored where the Church herself suffers as a consequence of infidelity on the part of some of her ministers.” Pope Benedict challenges all the church’s priests to a renewal of their priestly vocation in the image of Jesus Christ. It is a life long journey shared by all the church’s members as we strive to live our vocation faithful to our calling - priests, laity or religious.

During this “Year for Priests” pray for priests especially those who have served you and been an instrument of God’s love, grace and mercy for you. A question - do you know the name of the priest who baptized you; gave you First Communion and Penance; officiated at your wedding? If you do - pray for them by name; if not - find out who they are and keep them in your prayers. They need your affirmation and love; they are human and in need of your support and encouragement.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another

*M. Tosi*

***Did you know ---***

St. John Vianney’s middle name is Mary. Such a practice was common at the time in France. The practice shows the church’s devotion to Mary, Mother of God. The Cure’ had a great devotion to Mary especially under the title of the Immaculate Conception. St. John often told his parishioners: “After giving all he could, Jesus Christ wishes in addition to bequeath to us His most precious possession, his Blessed Mother.” *Mary, Mary, Queen of the Clergy, watch over and protect all priests.*

***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 28, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$11,702</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,668</b>	<b>628</b>

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**THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW ---**

Recently in a letter from Con Ed I was informed that our total Con Ed bill from January 2008 to December 2008 was \$54,247.82 - a saving of \$588.38 because of our voluntary participation in a Time-of-Use program.

Only with your continued generosity and support of the parish in your weekly contributions can we cover this bill and other financial obligations of the parish. For example:

Did you know that each year the parish income (weekly collections) is assessed by the Bishop to support the mission and ministry of the Diocese? For the fiscal year Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2009 the Diocesan Assessment for the parish is \$72,300. As of this date a balance of \$27,000 is due which must be paid by August 31, 2009.

Please consider how important your weekly offering is to our financial stability. Any increase to your weekly contribution is most appreciated.

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

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. The total amount collected was \$2,243.50. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this Collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

**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.**



*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.*

**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!

**During July & August** all parish organizations, societies, choirs 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. Please consult the bulletin for starting dates.

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.

**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.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY ---**

In observance of this national holiday, the Rectory Office will close at 3pm on Friday, July 3 and will remain closed on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. The Rectory Office will open on Monday, July 6 at 9AM. For emergencies only, please call the Rectory at (718) 746-8102.

Have a happy and safe holiday!





## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### RCIA

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

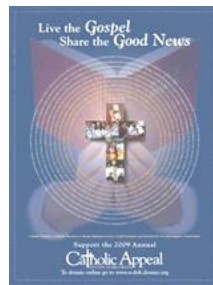
*Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in membership in becoming a Catholic?*

*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 524 donors as of June 23rd a total of \$114,768 has been pledged with \$86,054.66 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.

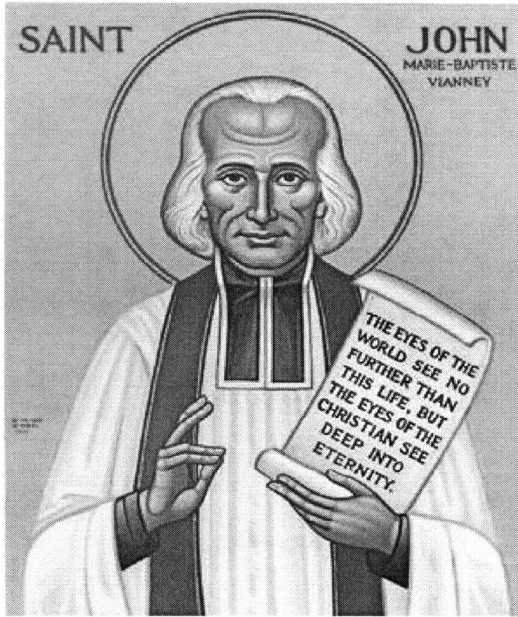
#### ***So --- We need your help:***

- 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

“Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die (as a result of sin), who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest...

After God, the priest is everything!...”

St. John Vianney  
Le Cure'd'Ars

### **SUMMARY OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ST. LUKE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The meeting opened with a prayer and brief reflection prepared by the Spiritual Enrichment Team.

Bob Choiniere, from the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning was present for the purpose of clarifying the role of committees in implementing parish goals. Bob explained that the description of such committees remains purposefully vague, since each parish and PPC operates differently. He went on to say that committees can be formed either from existing leadership or new leadership, and that such leadership is subject to change as it grows and develops.

In light of Bob's presentation, the council decided to step back and look once again at our objectives, before moving ahead with the establishment of committees.

In his Pastor's Report, Monsignor Tosi announced that he has requested all parish groups, with the exception of AA to suspend meeting for the summer months. There will also be no First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during July and August.

The Sunday Mass schedule will remain unchanged for the summer. Father Coffey and Father Rene will help out when Monsignor Tosi, Father Dave and Father Vincent are on vacation.

Graduation for St. Luke School is scheduled for Friday, June 12.

Planning for the 100 Anniversary of our school is underway.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15.

Barbara Coletti, Recorder



## 2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

### *What Faith-Based Organizations Need to Know*

In 2010, the U.S. census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. As a faith-based organization, you are dedicated to serving the best interests of your community. Many community members—including those who are isolated by language or geography—look to their faith-based leaders as trusted sources of information. You can partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to convey the importance of participating in the next census and to ensure no one is left uncoun-**ted. Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.**

#### **The Census: A Snapshot**

- ▲ The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years.
- ▲ The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- ▲ The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

#### **It's In Our Hands: Your Participation in the 2010 Census Matters**

- ▲ Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on census data. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period.
- ▲ Census data help faith-based groups plan for new buildings and programs and guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.
- ▲ Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### **Completing the 2010 Census Questionnaire: Simple and Safe**

- ▲ The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person—name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail.
- ▲ The Census Bureau does not release or share information that identifies individual respondents or their household for 72 years.

[www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census)

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United States  
**Census  
2010**



## 2010 CENSUS: *Frequently Asked Questions*

### Why should members of faith-based organizations participate in the 2010 Census?

Census data shape the future of your community and define your voice in Congress.

- ▲ Census information is used to allocate billions of dollars in government funding for important community facilities that your congregation relies upon, such as schools, roads, hospitals, child-care centers and more.
- ▲ Congregations utilize census data as a source of key statistical information needed to determine locations for new facilities and to secure faith-based grants.
- ▲ The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the boundaries of legislative districts.

### How will the 2010 Census differ from previous census efforts?

In the last census, one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

### Will the information the Census Bureau collects remain confidential?

Yes. Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term of up to five years and/or fine of up to \$250,000. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

### Why are faith-based organizations important to the 2010 Census campaign?

More than 140,000 organizations supported Census 2000, including faith-based organizations, state and local governments, community-based organizations, schools, media, businesses and others. Through partnerships, the Census Bureau has a far greater chance to reach every U.S. resident than by attempting this monumental task alone. Communities look to their faith-based leaders, youth groups and lay ministries for guidance and trusted information. You can include census information in newsletters, bulletins and mailings, help recruit members of your community for census jobs and provide space for census activities.

### 2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

<b>Fall 2008</b>	Recruitment begins for local census jobs for early census operations.
<b>Spring 2009</b>	Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.
<b>Fall 2009</b>	Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.
<b>February - March 2010</b>	Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
<b>April 1, 2010</b>	Census Day
<b>April - July 2010</b>	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
<b>December 2010</b>	By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.
<b>March 2011</b>	By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please go to [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census).



**BLOOD DRIVE ---**

To all those who donated blood at the blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus last Sunday. The total amount of pints donated was 36. Your life saving gift of blood was greatly appreciated.

**CLOTHING DRIVE ---**

The Clothing Drive sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society last Sunday was very successful. Your donation of gently used clothing helps the Society in their mission to help those in need. Thank you!

**FLOWER SALE ---**

The Respect Life Group's Annual Flower Sale raised \$922.00 last Sunday with your generous support. The donations made by the parishioners of St. Luke Church will support the various organizations that foster a respect for the dignity of human life. Thank you to all those who made the sale a success!



**GOLDEN AGERS**

Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, July 28, 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.



**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---**

During June the following Sacraments were celebrated at St. Luke Church:

12 Baptisms    5 Weddings    10 Funerals



**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.



**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.**



**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. - Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26  
Tues. - Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38  
Wed. - Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7  
Thurs. - Gn 44:18-21,23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15  
Fri. - Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23  
Sat. - Gn 49:29-32; 50; 15-26a; Mt 10:24-33



**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Breads are in honor of **DAMIANO SCARDAMAGLIA** on the occasion of his 85th Birthday requested by Judy DeAngelis.



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

*Rose Battoni*

*Connie-Marie Runyon*

**AND FOR THE DECEASED:**

*Julian J. Grey*

*Rosaria Petruccelli*

***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 6, 2009**



**Monday, July 6**

7:00 Angelo Stigliano  
12:00 Theresa Murphy

**Tuesday, July 7**

8:30 Helen D. Paladino (4th Anniversary)  
12:00 Francesco Conigliaro

**Wednesday, July 8**

7:00 Anthony Rossini (23rd Anniversary)  
12:00 Daniel & Doris Kiley

**Thursday, July 9**

8:30 Joseph McEvoy  
12:00 Santa & Jack Gaeta

**Friday, July 10**

7:00 Charles Liepold  
12:00 Carla & Nicolo Scopinich

**Saturday, July 11**

8:30 Matthew Doyle (Anniversary)



**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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**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).

