

*From the desk of Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P.*



***“The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.”***

Angels are usually viewed as messengers of a supreme divine being, sent to do the tasks of that being. We know the names of some angelic messengers: Gabriel, Michael & Raphael. In the scriptures God used angels to send messages. Psalm 91 “God put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.” As I reflect on my ministry for the past year, the word that comes to mind is angels. Do you believe in angels? As a child I was adventurous and curious, so at an early age I developed a strong devotion to my guardian angel. In first grade I played the part of an angel and wore the white satin gown and wings.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the many angels who help me in my ministry. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring the Eucharist to the sick in their homes and at the Queens Center for Rehabilitation. The Consolation Teams who assist the family in planning the funeral Mass. In 2009 we had 71 funerals. The Prayer Shawl Angels who make beautiful shawls and lap robes for the sick and hats for newborns and for those undergoing cancer treatments. If you would like a shawl or hat I would be happy to give you one. The Hospitality Teams who host the Family Mass and all the other parish functions. The Baptism Team who give the class with me and assist at the Baptism liturgy. In 2009 we had 81 Baptisms. In September I am starting a new group, the Rosary Angels. If you would like to go to the Queens Center for Rehabilitation and say the Rosary once a month, please contact me. If you are interested in joining any of the existing Catherine’s Angels Groups, please let me know.

So I ask you, who are the angels in your life who are there to nourish and help you? It is with a grateful heart that I thank all my angels.

Be assured of my love and prayers.

God Bless You

Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P.  
Pastoral Associate



***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>Aug. 9, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$10,837</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,726</b>	<b>628</b>

.....  
**TREE OF LIFE ---**

Memorials to the Tree of Life are still available either in memory of a deceased loved one or to honor a living friend, family member or loved one. Begun in February 1997, the Tree of Life provides a fitting memorial to those special people in our lives. The donation for a leaf is \$1,000. A stone at the foot of the tree is \$2,500.



Please call or come to the Rectory to arrange a memorial.



**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. 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. At this time we have one remaining vestment available.

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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

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



**FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE TRAVELING ---**

Did you know that there is a website that can give you the Mass times at churches wherever you are visiting this summer? Just check out the website at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the nearest church and times of Masses. *Mass Times - A Ministry to Traveling Catholics.*





### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009**

Thanks to the generosity of 544 donors as of August 4th a total of \$130,863.52 has been pledged with \$107,553.51 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***



# The Queens Gazette

The Gazette Is  
Proud Of Over  
27 Years  
Of Dedicated  
News Coverage

The Weekly Community Publication Dedicated To Bringing Our Readers A Vital Locally-Oriented View Of The News

[www.gazette.com](http://www.gazette.com)

June 24, 2009

## St. Luke's Gets \$50 K Grant For Technology

Located in Whitestone, Queens St. Luke's School, 1601 150th Pl., was recently chosen, from more than 100 Catholic schools by the Diocese of Brooklyn, to receive a \$50,000 technology grant. The grant, called The EXCEL Program, will provide new, state of the art instructional technology to the elementary school.

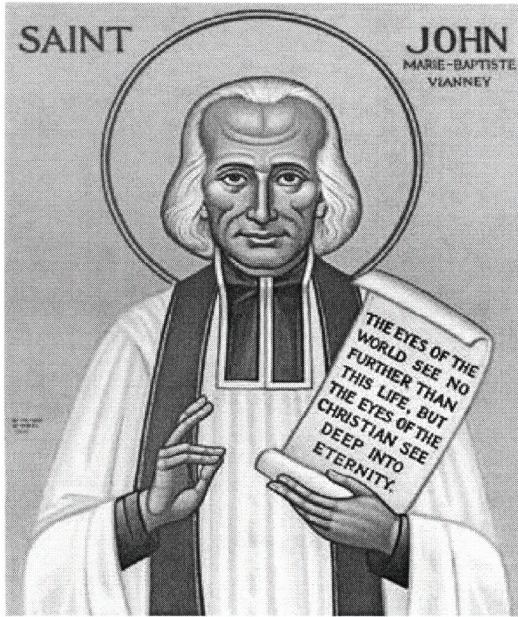
"St. Luke's continually performs at the top levels of the New York state tests in math, English/language arts, science and social studies," said Barbara Reiter, principal of St. Luke's. "With the money received from the EXCEL program, St. Luke's will have the opportunity to integrate informational technologies with standards based curricula and instructional management in order to provide an optimal learning environment for each individual student to maximize learning, productivity, and performance and continue the trend of superior academic performance."

The EXCEL Program was implemented by Monsignor Dempsey, executive director of Trans Video Communications, Inc. of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. St. Luke's was one of two schools chosen to receive the EXCEL grant. The program provides the school classrooms with SMARTBoards, LCD projectors and airliners and document cameras.

Since 1910, St. Luke's 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's School is a Catholic institution of learning fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools serving the needs of children from nursery to grade eight.

For more information about St. Luke's School call 718-746-3833 or go to [www.saintlukeonline.com](http://www.saintlukeonline.com).





**YEAR FOR PRIESTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF  
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**

**Father of mercy,  
you made St. John Vianney outstanding  
in his priestly zeal and concern for your people.  
By his example and prayers,  
enable us to win our brothers and sisters  
to the love of Christ  
and come with them to eternal glory.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**Opening Prayer - Feast of St. John Vianney  
Tuesday, August 4**

**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.





School

**THE ST. LUKE SCHOOL OFFICE**  
**WILL BE OPEN 9/1, 9/2, AND 9/3 FROM 9AM TO 11AM.**

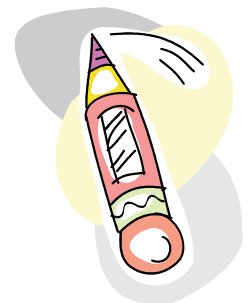
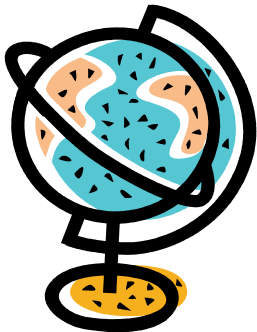
**CLASSES RESUME FOR GRADES 1-8 ON WEDNESDAY, 9/9**  
**KINDERGARTENERS BEGIN CLASSES ON THURSDAY, 9/10**  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, 9/14**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST PRESENT AN ADMIT TO CLASS CARD ON**  
**THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

***Mommy and Me Classes* start on Tuesday, September 22. The class hours are 9:30am to 11:00am and the cost is only \$5.00 per child. The age requirement is 6 months and up. The classes are a wonderful way of socializing your baby while spending time with other moms. The babies will explore and learn through various activities, such as circle time, music time and story time. A snack is also included for both mom and baby. There is no need to join in advance. Simply pay as you go - it's that easy! Also, dads, grandparents and babysitters are welcome too!**

***Tiny Tots Classes (Session 1) begin in October.***

***For further information, please call the school office at***  
***(718) 746-3833.***





**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM**

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

<i>Baptism Class</i>	<i>Baptism Sunday</i>
<i>Sept. 21</i>	<i>Sept. 13</i>
<i>Oct. 19</i>	<i>Oct. 11 &amp; 25</i>
<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Nov. 8 &amp; 22</i>

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*  
**YOU CAN HELP TO PROTECT A CHILD ---**

To report sexual abuse against a minor by a priest or deacon, call the Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance toll-free, confidential reporting number: 888-634-4499. The Diocese of Brooklyn's Victims Assistance Program offers support, outreach and counseling to any victim who present themselves. For assistance call 888-634-4499. To report sexual abuse against a minor by non-clergy Church personnel or parish volunteers, contact the appropriate District Attorney for your area: Kings County: 718-250-2217, Queens County: 718-286-6310.

**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.



Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, August 25, 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.



**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.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22  
Tues. - Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30  
Wed. - Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16a  
Thurs.- Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14  
Fri. - Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Mt 22:34-40  
Sat. - Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12



## MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **PHYLLIS FANELLI** at the request of Deborah O'Connor; the Sanctuary Lamp is **FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION**; the candles are burning in memory of **ROBERTO SALVIO** at the request of his family.



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Edward Morley    Makayla Marguiles*

*Connie-Marie Runyon*

*Helen Sciame*



## AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**MARIE M. CASTORO**

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2009

### **Monday, August 17**

7:00 Prima & Vincenzo Cecchetti  
12:00 Eugenia Garramone

### **Tuesday, August 18**

8:30 Michael Balbo  
12:00 Rosa Gonzalez & Justino Montero

### **Wednesday, August 19**

7:00 Angelina Prudente  
12:00 Antoinetta Galatioto

### **Thursday, August 20**

8:30 Mary Luksich & Robert Toborg  
12:00 John & Mary Luksich

### **Friday, August 21**

7:00 The Milanese Family  
12:00 Michael & Diana O'Connor

### **Saturday, August 22**

8:30 Bartolomeo DiVerdi &  
Eugenio & Giuseppa Baldetti



## COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS MASS

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 Mass will be on Sunday, August 23 at 11:45am for **ANNA SOLIMO**.







Community News

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

**Oberammergau - "The Passion Play"**

Visiting Southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria -  
Sept. 25- Oct. 5, 2010

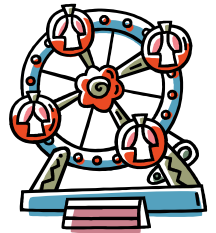
Msgr. Edward Scharfenberger, Spiritual Director with Fr. Brian Dowd & Fr. Jim Cunningham  
Trip Includes: 11 nights, 9 days, Breakfast daily & most meals, Air & Accommodations  
(double occupancy), the Passion Play, All Tours. For a Brochure, contact the Pilgrimage  
Office at 718-965-7313, Pilgrimages@RCDOB.org.



**30TH ANNUAL GRANDE FESTA ITALIANA**

**North Hempstead Beach Park, Port Washington - Wed., Sept. 9 - Sun., Sept. 13**

Largest and oldest feast on Long Island! Rides for kids 1-99 (9/9 & 9/10 - ride  
all night for \$25; 9:11 - ride free 12:30-1:30pm), games, delicious food, live en-  
tertainment Thurs.-Sun. night, fireworks Sun. night. Open Wed. - Fri. night,  
Sat./Sun. afternoons and nights. Ample parking. All proceeds donated to char-  
ity. Northern Pkwy. (Exit 29N) Take Roslyn Rd. N. to end, bear left on West  
Shore Rd. for 2.4 miles. Entrance on right. Visit [marinolodge.org](http://marinolodge.org) or call (516)  
767-3123 for more information.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Michael's Church, 136-76 41st Avenue, Flushing - 718-961-0295  
Monday, August 24, 2009

**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 wel-  
come. For further information, please contact Pat & Norman at 718-229-2113 at any time.

