

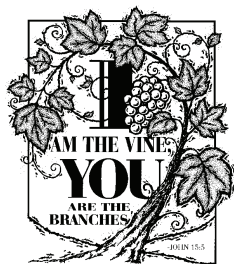
From the desk of Father Chirichella

Summer is a time for fun and rest. I have many fond memories of summer fun from my childhood. Growing up in Brooklyn we were one of the lucky ones to have our own pool. I was amazed at how many new friends came forward when they found out that I had a pool. One of my most cherished childhood memories is going to visit my Uncle Paul in Bayville, New York. My Aunt Maryanne and Uncle Paul owned a bungalow right on the beach. My brother Michael and I would play and swim all day with our cousins from Long Island. How truly blessed we are to have parents and a family that loves us.

This summer I was also blessed to have the opportunity to take some time for fun and rest. In July I visited Cape Cod. Cape Cod was time for me to catch up on rest, swim and read a good book. In early August I was also blessed to go on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I try to visit Medjugorje every year. This year my Mom also joined me. What a blessing! It is a trip I will never forget. How about you? Have you done something you enjoy this summer? Have you taken time to be with your God? Jesus tells us in scripture, *“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”* Mk 6:31.

Summer is a time to allow our God to refresh us, so that we can continue to work in his vineyard. Our rest and our fun should energize us to work for the coming of the Kingdom. Jesus’ life is the perfect model for us. He knew how to have fun with his family and friends. He also knew when to pray and when to rest. After resting and being with his God he would go out and preach the Good News!

May our summer rest and fun energize us so that we too can build up the body of Christ here in our portion of the vineyard.



Father Vincent

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.



<u>Aug. 16, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$8,485	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	555



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MISSION SUNDAY ---

This weekend, August 22 & 23 the parish of Saint Luke will welcome Father Rocco Danzi, S.J. who will speak at all the Masses.

A second collection will be taken at each Mass to help support the missions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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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 a 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.



PLEASE NOTE ---

All parish organizations, societies, choirs and prayer groups will resume meetings *after* Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.



THANK YOU ---

To Natalie Blatt for donating a vestment in memory of her husband, **CHARLES E. BLATT.**

At this time all four vestments have been donated in memory of loved ones.



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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Thanks to the generosity of 545 donors as of August 12th a total of \$133,863.52 has been pledged with \$109,431.84 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.

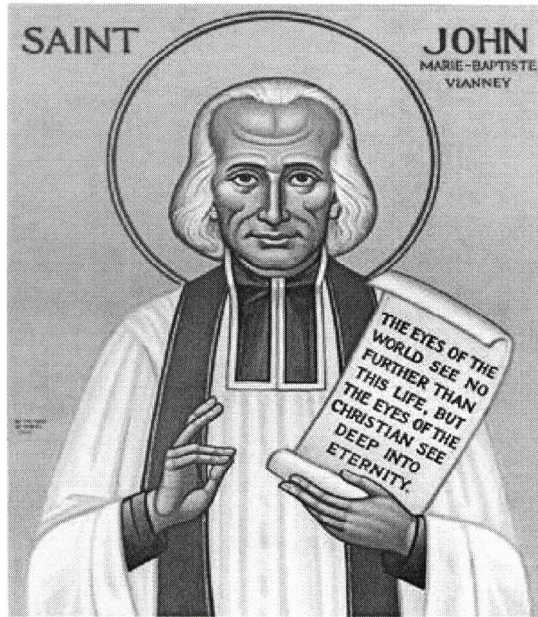
So --- We need your help:

- 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

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Jesus, our Lord, we thank You for Your benefits - especially the gifts You grant us through Your priests.

Through baptism You generated a new life of grace in us: may we see the priest as a father. You continue to renew us through the sacrament of reconciliation: help us to see Your countenance in the priest who absolves us.

O Good Samaritan. You give Yourself to us in the Eucharist: grant us respect for our priests who help satisfy our hunger in the desert of the world.

The priest is our brother, but he is our father in grace. Multiply his sanctifying presence in our midst, and give us the tenderness of children able to understand and love him always, above all when he is tired, sick, and old.

Make the Church - gathered around Mary, Your Mother - a family which lifts a hymn of love and praise to You, Christ our Priest, acting in our priests. Amen.

*Bishop Guglielmo Giiaguinta
Founder of the Pro Sanctity Movement*

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30pm in the Music Room. If you are interested in singing with us, please come to this rehearsal and introduce yourself or call the office at 718-746-3862.

The Italian Choir will resume rehearsals on September 9 at 6:30pm.

The Youth Choir will begin their regular rehearsals at 3:30pm on September 22 in the Music Room. They sing at the Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The Folk Group will begin regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 in the Music Room.

Anyone wishing to join one of these groups should contact the Director of Music, Jessica Tranzillo at 718-746-3862.



YOUTH CHOIR AUDITIONS

If your child wishes to join the Youth Choir, we will be hearing children sing before the first rehearsal on September 22 at 3:00pm. These auditions will take place in the Music Room which is accessible at the rear of the church. We welcome children from the public schools as well as our parochial schools.

Your child must be in the 3rd Grade or above, and their reading level must be up to the grade they are presently in. It is important that you tell your children that singing in the choir is a commitment and they must attend all rehearsals and performances.

Besides singing for the Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month, the choir will learn the rudiments of music theory, vocal technique and choral etiquette. They will also be participating in other events during the course of the Liturgical Year including Lessons & Carols and services during Holy Week.

Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 22. Each rehearsal begins promptly at 3:30pm and ends at 4:30pm. Please be sure that your child is here by 3:20pm so we may begin rehearsal as scheduled.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO THE RECTORY ATTENTION:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

CHILD'S NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

CHILD'S AGE _____ **GRADE** _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____





School



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

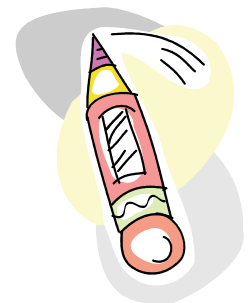
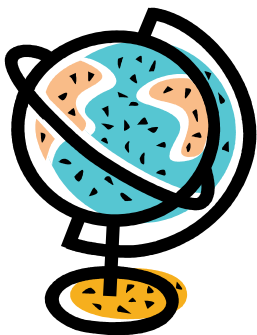
CLASSES RESUME FOR GRADES 1-8 ON WEDNESDAY, 9/9
KINDERGARTENERS BEGIN CLASSES ON THURSDAY, 9/10
PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, 9/14

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 & 25</i>
<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Nov. 8 & 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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Rectory. The bereavement ministry is an outreach to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Through prayer, scripture and faith filled sharing this ministry seeks to bring healing to those left behind. If you are interested in joining us once a month, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at (718) 746-8531, or Father Vincent Chirichella at (718) 746-8102.



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. *Our next Clothing Drive will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 8:00am until 1:00pm in the church parking lot.*



ITALIAN CLASSES

Registration for Italian Classes will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, Monday, Sept. 28 & Monday, October 5 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the school. Classes will begin on Monday, October 19. All ages are welcome....age 3 to adult!

New this year! English as a second language class. Registration and class times are the same as above.

If more information is needed, please call Damiana at (718) 746-6269.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tues. - 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wed. - 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs.- 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Fri. - 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sat. - 1Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **GERTIE LUCA** at the request of Gerry & Gary Renart; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **THE WILLIAM O'CONNOR FAMILY** at the request of Deborah O'Connor.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Edward Morley Makayla Marguiles

Connie-Marie Runyon

Helen Sciame



AND FOR THE DECEASED:

Marion Saffer

David Ryerson

Providencia Chiaramonte

Joseph Danile

Vincent Michael Melillo

Anneliese Kiendl-Brugellis

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2009

Monday, August 24

7:00 Michael O'Brien & William McHugh

12:00 Annie McGroary (Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 Maria Carimando

12:00 Frank Ventura (Birthday)

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 Vincenzo & Maria Vosilla & Family

12:00 Joanne Babich

Thursday, August 27

8:30 Frank Barbieri (Birthday)

12:00 Frank Brienza (Birthday)

Friday, August 28

7:00 Antoinette & Vincent Fico

12:00 Antonia Nicoletta (Birthday)

Saturday, August 29

8:30 Mary & Daniel Cazzorla



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



HEALING MASS at The Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston Pkwy.

Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher, CSsR there will be a Healing Mass on Wed., Sept. 2, 2009. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service at 7:00PM. For more information contact Immaculate Conception Center at 718-229-8001.

RADIO MARIA

“Radio Maria Internet is a wonderful service available to the multi-ethnic and immigration population of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. I wholeheartedly endorse your distribution of the information being sent to you by the Reverend Walter Tonelotto, C.S. The work of Radio Maria, in Italian and Spanish, in the Diocese of Brooklyn is well known. Their extension into the Internet allows them to cast a wider net. As usual, we must put out into the deep with whatever instruments are available to us. I thank your attention to this request.”

In a letter from

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D.,D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

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 entertainment Thurs.-Sun. night, fireworks Sun. night. Open Wed. - Fri. night, Sat./Sun. afternoons and nights. Ample parking. All proceeds donated to charity. 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 or call (516) 767-3123 for more information.



DOMINICAN VILLAGE EVENTS

Fashion Show/Chinese Auction - Friday, October 16, 2009 from 6:30pm to 9:45pm

Holiday Craft Fair - Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10am to 5pm

For more information or vendor opportunities please call (631) 842-6618.



ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY - QUEENS CAMPUS - ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

The “Three Things Talks” is a series which addresses issues of Catholic belief and teaching. The talks are primarily intended for adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith, and also for those who are interested in what Catholics believe. The talks will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10am to 1pm. For more info contact Sue Scalossi by phone at (718) 990-3004; by e-mail at scalos@stjohns.edu or visit the web site at www.stjohns.edu/threethings.

OPEN HOUSE - St. Mary’s College Preparatory H.S., Manhasset, N.Y.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 from 2pm-4:30pm. All interested 7th & 8th Grade students and their parents/guardians are welcome For more information please call (516) 627-2711. Internet: www.stmary.ws

