



A REFLECTION ON MARY

Like Mary, you must not be afraid to allow the Holy Spirit to help you become intimate friends of Christ. Like Mary, you must put aside any fear, in order to take Christ to the world in whatever you do - in marriage, as single people in the world, as students, as workers, as professional people. Christ wants to go to many places in the world, and to enter many hearts, through you. Just as Mary visited Elizabeth, so you too are called to “visit” the needs of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, those who are alone or ill...

Homily at Central Park, 1995

Pope John Paul II

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>July 26, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$9,995.50	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	608

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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 for the nearest church and times of Masses. *Mass Times - A Ministry to Traveling Catholics.*



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. Four new sets of vestments - red, green, purple and white - have been ordered for use here in the parish. 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.

Your gift provides a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one. A donation of \$450 is being asked for each vestment.

THANK YOU ---

To Patricia O'Connell for donating a vestment in loving memory of her husband, ***PATRICK O'CONNELL.***



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---

During July the following sacraments were celebrated at St. Luke Church:
13 Baptisms 10 Funerals 3 Weddings

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.

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Thanks to the generosity of 540 donors as of July 21st a total of \$129,958.52 has been pledged with \$102,498.51 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:

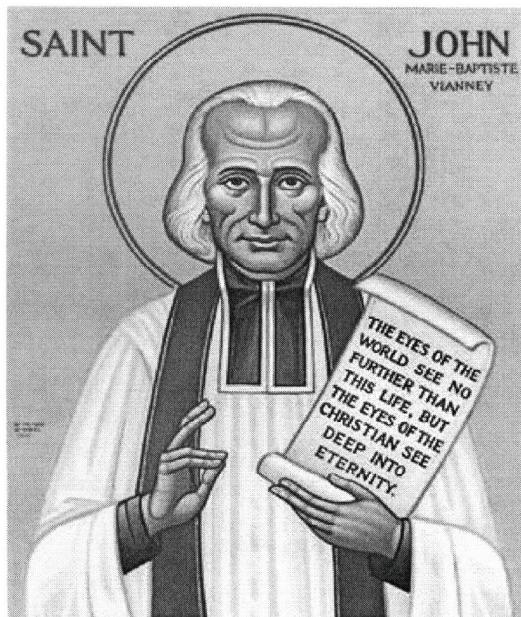
- Please continue to fulfill your pledges to the Appeal over the summer months. This is so important!
- Please consider making a gift today if you have not as yet done so. Last year nearly 700 donors supported the Appeal!
 - If you made a gift last year, please consider a gift to this year's Appeal.
 - 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

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



“There are no two good ways of serving God. There is only one: serve him as he desires to be served.”

St. John Vianney
Le Cure d’Ars

Quoted in the Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to all the priests of the world dated 16 June 2009.

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.





ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturday, August 15, 2009

8:30AM

10:30AM

12 Noon

Since the Feast of the Assumption is celebrated this year on Saturday, it is not a holyday of obligation as decreed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please Note: There will be no Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14, 2009.



**SAINT LUKE CHURCH HAS MANY WONDERFUL
MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS**



Liturgical Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors, Ushers, Family Mass

Altar Servers & Altar Care



Catholic Education/Faith Formation Ministry

St. Luke School

Religious Education (Gr. 1-8) & RCIA Program

Pre-Jordan - Baptism Program



Music Ministry

Adult Choir, Italian Choir, Contemporary Choir & Youth Choir



Parish Activities

Respect Life Group, Golden Age Club, Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Social Ministry

Ministry of Consolation, Bereavement Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Martha's Ministry



Prayer Ministry

Italian Prayer Group, Lay Carmelites, Charismatic Prayer Group

Marian Prayer Group, Disciples in Mission

First Friday Eucharist Adoration

Youth Organizations

Athletic Association, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts



Community Organizations

Knights of Columbus

Alcoholics Anonymous



Please call the Rectory if you are interested in participating.





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.

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.



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.



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. - Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tues. - Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wed. - Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28
Thurs. - Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10
Fri. - Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Sat. - Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of
GESOLMINA MANGINI (Birthday) at the
request of Cosmo & Marie DiTucci.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Edward Morley *Colin Meehan*

Connie-Marie Runyon

Helen Sciame

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

Patricia Aubert

Elizabeth T. Dreyer

Edward F. Reilly



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2009

Monday, August 3

7:00 Santomauro Family
12:00 Americo DeAngelis

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 John & Elena Sterlini
12:00 Rino Peras

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 Carmen Maldonado
12:00 Joseph Peloso (52nd Birthday)

Thursday, August 6

8:30 Rose & Frank Coppola
12:00 Mario Vosilla (18th Anniversary)

Friday, August 7

7:00 Dominic Digricoli
8:30 Antonia, Maria & Joe Colalillo
12:00 Jennie & Joseph Bertucelli

Saturday, August 8

8:30 Francesco Davi (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 Mass will be on Saturday, August 8 at 12 Noon for **GIUSEPPE BRUSCA**.





HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS ---



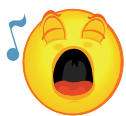
Come, pray and sacrifice for the unborn on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Monthly Prayer Vigil with Bishop Thomas V. Daily and Officer Steven McDonald at Our Lady of the Cenacle, 136-06 87th Avenue, Richmond Hill, N.Y. Mass begins at 7:30AM followed by Exposition, Procession and return to church for Benediction.

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.

OZANAM HALL of Queens Nursing Home, 42-41 201st Street, Bayside, seeks: a part-time Activity Leader, no experience necessary, with good verbal/writing, interpersonal skills to work with senior population; 15 hours per week, Friday evenings and weekends. Reliability a must! If interested please call Marilyn Gindi at (718) 971-2708 for further information.



**POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE
114-04 FOURTEENTH ROAD, COLLEGE POINT**



Free Family Karaoke Night - Bring a supper, chair or blanket, and come out for some affordable family fun. Talent not required just an open willing spirit. Every Wednesday night in August from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For info call (718) 358-0067.

ST. FIDELIS FOOD PANTRY



St. Fidelis Food Pantry is open the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00am to 12 Noon for those in need. For info call 718-886-4982. They are always in need of donations such as coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal, tuna fish and soup. **Please bring donations directly to St. Fidelis.**

HEALING MASS AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CENTER, DOUGLASTON

Friday, August 14, 2009 for couples trying to conceive or become parents by adoption.
7:00PM - Rosary, Mass & Healing Service Celebrant: Fr. Augustine Fernando
For more information contact the Immaculate Conception Center at (718) 229-8001.

