



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL ----**

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you. For many, it is a greeting extended to old friends; to others, it is an introduction and an invitation. To all, it constitutes a pledge of continued efforts to provide the best possible education for our children.

Our summer has been busy with preparations for the 2009-2010 school year. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Robert McDonagh, one of our school families and the owner of RMD Floors, we were able to remove the rugs in three more classrooms and refinish the beautiful wood floors that were hidden underneath. Our hallways were given a fresh coat of paint and five classrooms were also repainted (two of which were painted by the teachers themselves!). All of the rugs have been shampooed and a thorough cleaning of the school was done by our cleaning crew.

New to St. Luke's this year, and as a result of requests from parents, is a five day Nursery School Program, in addition to our three day program. We are very happy to be able to offer this class, as it will provide more "school" time for our very curious three year old children. This program is a direct offshoot of the successful Tiny Tots Program which began last year for our two year olds. It is very gratifying to all of us here to see our school continue to grow and prosper.

Our most exciting addition to the school is the acquisition of SmartBoards for all of our classrooms. St. Luke School was chosen to receive a \$50,000 technology grant, called Project Excel, from the Brooklyn Diocese in order to provide state of the art instructional technology to our students. Our faculty has already attended classes to learn the basics of SmartBoard technology and will continue to receive professional development throughout the year.

We have also begun planning in earnest for St. Luke School's 100th Anniversary celebration, as you can see by our new school logo above. It is hard to believe that our school began in 1910 under the direction of two Dominican Sisters and one lay teacher in the basement of the church. So many years have passed, so many children have walked these halls, and we are still successfully educating our young people. We are extremely proud of our Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in common faith and we are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with all of you.

Enjoy the remaining summer days. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare to open our doors for what will be a wonderful year for our children.

***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. 23, 2009 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Needed</u></b>
<b>\$10,346</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b><u>Envelopes Mailed</u></b>	<b><u>Envelopes Returned</u></b>
<b>1,726</b>	<b>668</b>



**PLEASE NOTE ---**

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



***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 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.

**Reminder to Adult Choir Members ---**

Weekly rehearsals for members of the St. Luke Adult Choir will resume on Wed., Sept. 9, at 7:30PM in the Music Room. New members are invited and most welcome.



***The Catholic University of America ---***

Next weekend, September 5 & 6 there will be a second collection. Your gift will help support the National Catholic University founded by the Bishops of the United States to serve the educational needs of Church as well as Nation. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU ---**

To all those who donated to the mission appeal last weekend. Your generous gifts totaled \$4,083. May God bless you!

**Saint Luke School of Religious Education ---**

Our Religious Education Program for students attending public school resumes:

**Wed., Sept. 23 for Grades 1 - 6**  
**Thurs., Sept. 24 for Grades 7 & 8**

All students need to be registered or re-registered before classes begin. A welcome letter, class admittance card and yearly calendar will be mailed to all registered students the week of Sept. 8.

No registrations will be accepted on the first day of class.

We still need a few catechists and assistants for our Grades 1 - 6 classes. Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry. The children of today are the future of the church.

Call the Religious Education Office at (718) 746-3409 if you can help.



### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009**

Thanks to the generosity of 545 donors as of August 18th a total of \$133,863.52 has been pledged with \$109,896.84 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.

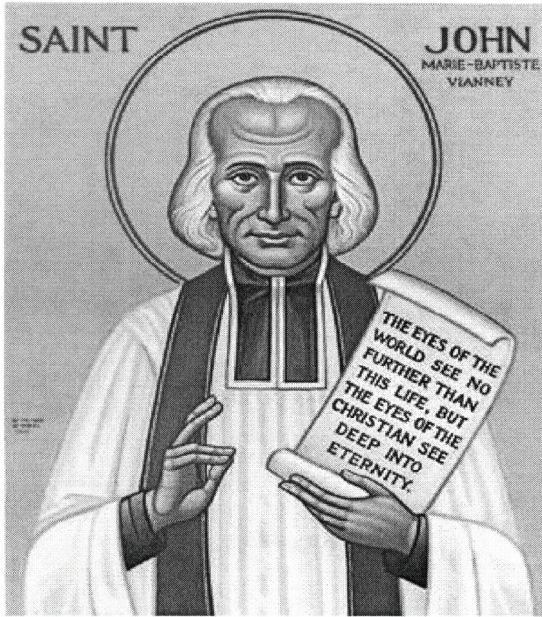
***So --- We need your help:***

- 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 Giiacquinta  
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.

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**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.**

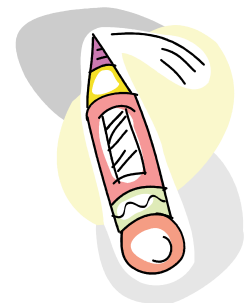
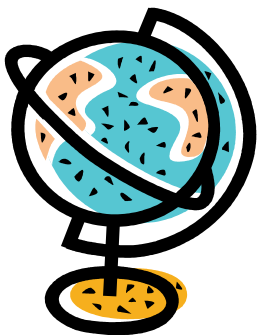
**CLASSES RESUME FOR GRADES 1-8 ON WEDNESDAY, 9/9**  
**KINDERGARTENERS BEGIN CLASSES ON THURSDAY, 9/10**  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, 9/14**

**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 &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.

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---

During August the following sacraments were celebrated:

13 Baptisms 3 Weddings 9 Funerals  
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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 Fr. Vincent Chirichella at (718)746-8102.

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WANTED...

Boys and their families looking for fun and adventure. Enjoy hands-on, interactive, and educational opportunities all while having fun. Boys from 1st Grade on up to 18 years old. No experience needed!!!

For information on joining the Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, contact John Sommer, Cubmaster at (516) 881-6060. Or check our our website at www.cubscoutpack235.com.



Trip to "Showboat", Atlantic City, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 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.

Our first meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 1:00pm in the School Hall. All are welcome!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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.



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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. - 1Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30  
Tues. - 1Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37  
Wed. - Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44  
Thurs.- Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11  
Fri. - Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39  
Sat. - Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



## MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **FRANK VINCENT & VINCENT ARNE-DOS** at the request of Mary Arnedos; the candles are burning **FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.**



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

*Edward Morley    Makayla Marguiles*

*Connie-Marie Runyon*

*Helen Sciame*



## AND FOR THE DECEASED:

*Wanda Marie Artopiades*

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2009

### **Monday, August 31**

7:00 Bertalan & Rozalia Koncsal  
12:00 Patrick Nolan (Birthday)

### **Tuesday, September 1**

8:30 Maria Cira & Georgio Carlino  
12:00 Anne Brett

### **Wednesday, September 2**

7:00 James Cox  
12:00 John & Mary Gibney

### **Thursday, September 3**

8:30 Joe, Maria & Antonio Colalillo  
12:00 Normand & Gracia Gobeil

### **Friday, September 4**

7:00 Angelina Prudente  
8:30 Vittoria, Mario & Colalillo Family  
12:00 Carmela & Domenico Monaco

### **Saturday, September 5**

8:30 Jean DeLuca



## 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 Saturday, September 12 at 12:00 Noon for **EDWARD F. KLEIN (1ST ANNIVERSARY)** and **JOSEPH TOMASSO.**





## **THE GREAT IRISH FAIR OF NEW YORK ---**

Food, Music, Dancing and Irish Goods - Magic shows, rides and more for the kids!  
Saturday & Sunday, September 19th and September 20th, 2009

Keyspan Ballpark, Coney Island, N.Y. --- Tickets \$12 per person (12 and up)

Two Adults with children (Family Pack) - \$30

For more information go to [www.gifnyc.com](http://www.gifnyc.com)

100% of all net proceeds derived from the 2009 GIF goes to a charitable fund for the benefit of Brooklyn Diocese Catholic Elementary Schools.

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## **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](mailto:scalos@stjohns.edu) or visit the web site at [www.stjohns.edu/threethings](http://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](http://www.stmary.ws)



## **POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE**

114-04 Fourteenth Road, College Point, NY

"September 11 Remembrance Concert" - Special inspirational readings and a classical dance performance focusing on reflection and hope.

Saturday, September 12 at 2:00pm. Admission is free.

For info: (718) 358-0067 or [www.poppenhuseninstitute.org](http://www.poppenhuseninstitute.org).



## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES BROOKLYN & QUEENS**

**Northeast Queens Senior Services** seeking volunteers for one hour per week to assist the home bound senior citizens of Northeast Queens. Call (516)641-7541