

FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE



***“Music does what words alone cannot do...
The role of music is to serve the needs of the Liturgy and not dominate it,
seek to entertain, or draw attention to itself or the musicians.”
Sing to the Lord***

Music Ministers are often asked why they pick certain hymns or why they don't pick favorite hymns. You may have noticed that each Sunday's liturgy has a central idea or theme which comes from the readings. This theme is also reflected in the prayers and homily of the Mass. So too, when music is selected, attention is paid to the "theme" of the liturgy. Are we speaking about forgiveness or love of God? Are we hearing about healing or hope in the readings? This is the basis for choosing hymns.

It is often not an easy task and sometimes it is only possible to find one or two hymns in our worship aid which relate to the liturgy. In that case we choose hymns which are general praise or Eucharistic in nature.

Another question often heard is: "Why don't we sing hymns we know?" All music we sing whether old or contemporary was learned at sometime during our lives. I have yet to meet someone who has known, "Here I Am, Lord" or "Holy God" from birth. The important thing is to keep our minds and hearts open to new music and the learning will be easy.

I am most grateful for your generous response to the music ministry of St. Luke Parish.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Jessica Tranzillo Smith
Director of Music



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>August 2, 2009 Collection</u>	<u>Amount Needed</u>
\$9,837	\$13,000
<u>Envelopes Mailed</u>	<u>Envelopes Returned</u>
1,726	577

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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.

THANK YOU ---

To Florence Bethel, Andy & Donna Bethel, Debbie & Chris Ferranti and Christine & George Radu for donating a vestment in memory of **EDWARD McCLOSKEY**.

and

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



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





ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009

Thanks to the generosity of 543 donors as of July 29th a total of \$130,663.52 has been pledged with \$105,843.51 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.

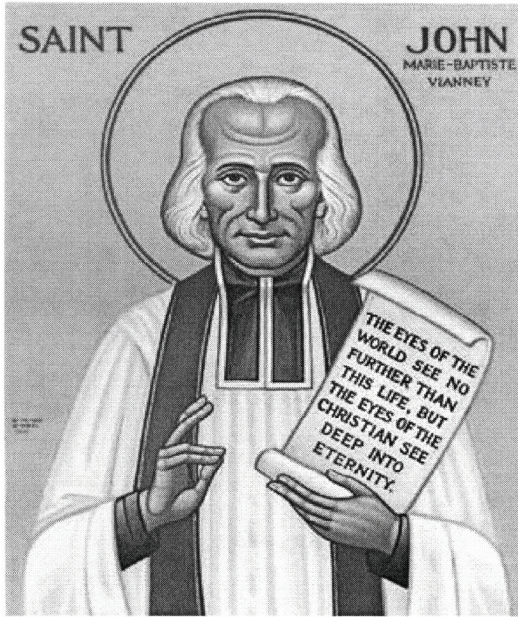
So --- We need your help:

- 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**

**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.





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.

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. - 2Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Tues. - Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed. - Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thurs.- Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri. - Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Sat. - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab;
1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **GABRIELLA, PALMIERI & SABATINO MARTELLI** at the request of Christina & Patricia; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **JOSEPH PELOSO (BIRTHDAY)** at the request of his parents.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Edward Morley Makayla Marguiles

Connie-Marie Runyon

Helen Sciame



AND FOR THE DECEASED:

Rose Buttino

Domenico Fraraccio

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2009

Monday, August 10

7:00 Marino Antoncich
12:00 Catherine & Salvatore DiTucci
& the Giuffra Family

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 Rocco Bacchia
12:00 Josephine Studdert

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 Matthew Deguglielmis
12:00 Giovanni Barravecchia

Thursday, August 13

8:30 Valentino Forgione
12:00 Glenn Geiger

Friday, August 14

7:00 Deceased Members of the Long &
McCarthy Families
12:00 Yolanda DeRespiris

Saturday, August 15

**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



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** and **JOSEPHINE & BILL SPELLMAN**.





HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS ---



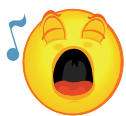
Come, pray and sacrifice for the unborn on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Monthly Prayer Vigil with Bishop Thomas V. Daily and Officer Steven McDonald at Our Lady of the Cenacle, 136-06 87th Avenue, Richmond Hill, N.Y. Mass begins at 7:30AM followed by Exposition, Procession and return to church for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

