



September already? Summer is fast becoming a memory as we begin a new pastoral year. I hope we were all able to enjoy some rest and re-creation during July and August. I was truly graced to have a vacation in three parts: I visited my sister and her family in Michigan spending some quality time with them; I was chaplain for a week to the Sisters of Mercy in their vacation convent in Watermill so that the sisters could attend Mass each day - it's always a grace filled time with those who have given so many years of faithful service to the church; and finally, two weeks in Vermont with some priest friends!

This week we welcome back the school community as St. Luke School opens for its 99th year. We are so proud of this parish ministry of education and faith formation. We welcome back the faculty and school staff and our principal Mrs. Barbara Reiter and a special welcome to the boys and girls. It is always a blessing to have them here - to hear their voices and see them develop their God given gifts and talents.

A special word of thanks to all who contribute their time, talent and treasure to make the parish school so much a part of parish life. As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the school beginning in September 2010, we give thanks for the many ways the school has enriched so many lives and pray through the intercession of Mary for God's continued assistance and blessing.

Finally, Friday of this week is September 11th. I would invite our parishioners to join in Mass to be celebrated on Friday, September 11th at 7:30pm. Let us remember in our prayers those who died on that day and those who mourn their beloved dead. Let us pray especially for the gift of peace.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

*Msgr. Tosi*

***Welcome back ---***

To all the parish organizations, societies, choirs and prayer groups who will resume meetings after Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.

***SEPTEMBER 11 MASS ---***

*A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, September 11 at 7:30pm. Let us remember in our prayers those who died on that day and those who mourn their beloved dead.*

***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.***



**Aug. 30, 2009 Collection    Amount Needed**  
**\$9,904.79                              \$13,000**  
**Envelopes Mailed    Envelopes Returned**  
**1,726                                      594**

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**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.

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**Messa Giubilare dell' Apostolato Italiano ---**

In onore di San Francesco di Assisi in occasione dell'800. mo anniversario dell' istituzione dell' Ordine Francescano: 1209-2009. S.E. Rev. mo Nicholas Di Marzio, Ph.D.,DD. Vescovo di Brooklyn e Queens Celebrante Principale con Sacerdoti, Diaconi e Religiosi dell' Apostolato Italiano

Domenica 4 Ottobre, 2009 presso la Chiesa di Nostra Signora di Guadalupe, 7201 15 Ave., Bklyn., (718) 236-8300.

Inizio Processione 3:00 del pomeriggio  
 Santa Messa 4:00 del pomeriggio.

Per prenotare il vostro posto sul bus chiamata 718-746-8102 o parlare con Angela Massullo o Damiana Testa.



**LABOR DAY ---**

In observance of Labor Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00AM.

**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---**

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

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

**If you have any questions please call  
 Sister Catherine T. Reilly, O.P. at  
 718-746-8531.**

**ST. LUKE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Welcome back to another fall season of sports! For those of you who missed our June registration, there will be a "Last Chance" Registration on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 7-9PM in the School Hall for the following sports: Boys & Girls Developmental Soccer, Boys & Girls CYO Soccer; Boys & Girls Developmental Basketball; Boys & Girls CYO Basketball; Boys & Girls Developmental Swimming; Girls Swim Team.

We have a great group of dedicated coaches and staff who volunteer their time to make these programs possible. Why not check us out? Enroll your child, volunteer some time, no experience necessary!





**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009**

Thanks to the generosity of 552 donors as of September 1st a total of \$134,763.52 has been pledged with \$112,848.50 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*

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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 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.



## **COME JOIN ST. LUKE MOMMY & ME CLASS**

**St. Luke School  
16-01 Msgr. Francis Dillon Place  
Whitestone, NY 11357 (off 17th Rd. & Clintonville St.)  
Please enter through the Main Entrance**

**Grow, Learn, Explore & Laugh  
All in a safe & nurturing environment.**

### **LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR BABY & MOM**

<b>Play Time</b>	<b>Circle Time</b>
<b>Story Time</b>	<b>Music Time</b>
<b>Parachute</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>
<b>Marching Band</b>	<b>Holiday Parties</b>

**Coffee & bagels for adults, juice & snacks for children.**

**CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22!**

**\*\*\*NEW EXTENDED HOURS\*\*\***

**9:30AM - 11:00AM**

**FOR AGES 6 MONTHS AND UP**

**\$5.00 PER CHILD (2 SIBLINGS \$8.00)**

**(no registration necessary)**

**For more info call: Vicky (718) 344-7620 or Tina (646) 229-6594  
Or visit our website at [www.saintlukeonline.com](http://www.saintlukeonline.com)**

**A PLACE WHERE MOMMY & BABY GROW TOGETHER**

# 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** \_\_\_\_\_





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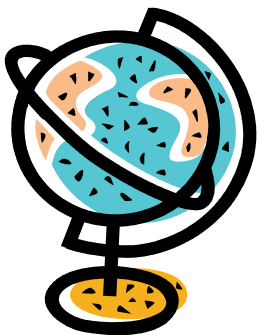
**CLASSES RESUME FOR GRADES 1-8 ON WEDNESDAY, 9/9  
KINDERGARTENERS BEGIN CLASSES ON THURSDAY, 9/10  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, 9/14**

**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.***



## 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](http://www.cubscoutpack235.com).



### 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.



### LAY CARMELITES ---

Lay Carmelites, St. Luke Chapter will meet on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 7:00pm in church.



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. - Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
Tues. - Mic 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16  
Wed. - Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
Thurs.- Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
Fri. - 1Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
Sat. - 1Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49



## MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are in memory of **MICHAEL & DIANA O'CONNOR**; the Sanctuary Lamp is **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:

*Lillian Guarino*

*Mary Eich*

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

### **Monday, September 7**

7:00 Vincenza Zambino  
12:00 Kathleen Calovic

### **Tuesday, September 8**

8:30 Franco & Angelo Belviso  
12:00 James Farrell (6th Anniversary)

### **Wednesday, September 9**

7:00 John & Marino Antoncich  
12:00 Joseph Banks

### **Thursday, September 10**

8:30 Antonio, Giuseppina & Alfonso Colalillo  
12:00 Leonardo Ingravallo

### **Friday, September 11**

7:00 Rosaria Antoncich  
12:00 Diana O'Connor

### **Saturday, September 12**

8:30 Felisa Paletta



## 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.**





## Community News

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

Food, Music, Dancing and Irish Goods - Magic shows, rides and more for the kids!  
Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19th and Sept. 20th, 2009 at 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. Brought to you by Irish American Building Society.



### **ST. PADRE PIO CARNIVAL ---**

St. Joseph Church, Astoria, (30th Ave. b/w 43rd & 44th Sts.) will celebrate the Fifth Annual Parish Carnival in honor of St. Padre Pio from Wed., Sept. 23 to Sun., Sept. 27, 2009. Come bring your family to our Fiesta Night, Italian Pasta Night, International Food Festival, and the St. Pio Dinner Dance! Enjoy the amusement rides, games, good food, music, and fun for all ages. For more info, call St. Joseph Parish Rectory at (718) 278-1611 or visit our website [www.stjosephlic.org](http://www.stjosephlic.org).

### **BRIDGE TO LIFE FUNDRAISING BBQ hosted by The Knights of Columbus ---**

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 from 1:00-5:00PM. General Sherman Shrine, 163-16 Pidgeon Meadow Rd., Flushing  
Join us for food, refreshments and entertainment and raffle prizes. Adults \$25/Children \$10 Rain or Shine!  
All tickets must be purchased in advance from Bridge to Life. For info call (718) 463-1810.

### **DOMINICAN VILLAGE ---**

565 Albany Avenue, Amityville, N.Y., (631) 842-6091, [www.dominicanvillage.org](http://www.dominicanvillage.org)  
Conveniently located on a sprawling, 13-acre campus, Dominican Village is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community offering outstanding programs, all-inclusive services & amenities. Please join us for an Open House during our two incentive months of September and October. Call 631-842-6091 for more info or to schedule a tour at your convenience.

### **RACHEL'S HELPERS**

A program, Forgiven and Set Free, for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience. The program is affiliated with Helpers of God's Precious Infants and takes place with a weekly meeting in a small group setting from 7:30pm to 9:30pm for 11 weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 21. There are no fees. We request, however, that you bring your own bible. Light refreshments. Please call (718) 939-6646 for more information. All calls are confidential.

### **PLEASE JOIN ROSARY FOR LIFE, INC.**

To celebrate life with the rosary and a con-celebrated Mass on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00pm at Good Shepherd R.C. Church, 1950 Batchelder St., Brooklyn. Rosary begins at 7:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Main Celebrant & Homilist: Most Rev. Octavio Cisneros, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn. Investiture in Brown Scapular following Mass. For further info, please call Rosary for Life, Inc. at (718) 377-6920.

### **REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN - 55 East 84th St., N.Y.C.**

An all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys invites students and their parents to its Queens Admissions Information Night on Monday, October 5th at 7:00pm at Resurrection Ascension School, 85-25 61st Rd., Rego Park. For more info, contact Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, (212) 288-1100. *Also*, an Open House will be held on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12 from 1:00-4:00pm at Regis H.S.