



The Gospel for this 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time places Jesus praying in solitude, “and the disciples were with Him...” (Luke 9:18-24). I often reflect on this seemingly ordinary event. For it is so striking to me - Jesus at prayer; taking time to be alone and inviting His disciples to be with Him.

Often it is difficult for me to find time to be in prayer. Solitude can sometimes appear only a dream - or a reality for those in a monastery. Busy schedule, much to accomplish and do, people to visit, parish responsibilities, priestly ministry - the list could go on and on. And time for prayer? Perhaps you also find time for prayer and solitude difficult. Yet if even Jesus needed to be at prayer, can we - His followers - be any different? Perhaps the struggle to pray is itself a prayer!

Summer can often provide a change of pace - a slower pace; a time for some relaxation, vacation, recreation. Prayer is about re-creation. Prayer recreates us in God’s image enabling us to remember His Presence and grow in God’s love. Prayer is a precious time to be with the One who loves me - and you. So --- this summer let us try to take some time for solitude and prayer. How about ten minutes a day? Seem too little? Try ten minutes every day. You and God. It will make a big difference and who knows, maybe we will find more time to be in prayer.

Jesus asked the disciples two questions - the second being the more important: “But who do you say that I am.” Only in prayer can we truly answer that Jesus. For in prayer we come to know the truth about Jesus - who He is and what He means for you and me. Peter replied: “The Christ of God.” Yes the Christ who suffered, died and rose for our salvation; the Christ who invites us to share His life; the Christ who calls us to be “with Him.”

Let us never give up the joy - and struggle to find the time to pray.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

FATHER'S DAY ---

Today we honor the vocation of fatherhood! We remember in gratitude the gift of our fathers and offer them our prayers, love and respect. This day is special as we call to mind the blessing of our fathers - living and deceased. So make this day special for your father - a card, a special meal, a phone call, a hug - a gift of love! Remember --- Father's Day is every day for a father's calling is every day! It is an awesome calling.

Top 10 Ways to Grow into a Really Great Dad ---

1. Say yes to the challenge of fatherhood, each day.
2. Love your wife and treat her with great respect - the model you set will greatly influence your children's decisions later.
3. Make prayer an essential part of your life. Teach your children to pray, and let them see you pray, regularly. Be faithful to the sacraments.
4. Spend time with your children. Play with them. Let them know you enjoy the gift of being their father.
5. Love your children enough to discipline them. Teach them clearly right from wrong.
6. Grow in patience.
7. Forgive your children and allow them to hear you say "I'm sorry."
8. Tell them "I love you". Don't be afraid to be affectionate: let your children feel loved.
9. Talk with your children --- especially as they enter teenage years. Be genuinely interested in how they are.
10. Lead by example: Select your friends, your entertainment, your social outings knowing that your choices influence your children more than you will ever know.



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PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION ---

In his latest encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the faithful that "God's love ... gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (Caritas in Veritate, no. 78). The Peter's Pence Collection gives U.S. parishioners a chance to unite in solidarity with the Holy Father, the faithful worldwide, and those most in need of charitable love. The Holy See uses the Collection proceeds to provide emergency assistance and aid to the most disadvantaged around the world. Please be generous in the Collection and, in doing so, cast the love of Christ upon the world.

Next week, June 26 - 27 at all the Masses our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

GOLDEN AGERS --- GOOD NEWS!

The Golden Age Club of the parish has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the New York State Office for the Aging through the kind assistance of Ann Margaret Carrozza, Assemblywoman 26th District. This will assist the Club in providing the many activities for its members. We are grateful to the assemblywoman for her help in securing this grant.

Congratulations!!



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ---

The Adult choir is looking for “Sopranos, Altos and a Few Good Men” to sing in the choir. Even though our singing season is drawing to a close for the summer, we would like you to consider joining this ministry integral to our liturgy. The ability to read music is not necessary but helpful. We will teach you all you need to know. Our repertoire spans all styles of music from baroque to contemporary. When the choir begins its new season in September, there’ll be a seat waiting for YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS ---

Congratulations and thank you to the Adult Choir and Children Choir as they complete another season of raising their voices to the Lord in song. The Adult Choir sang over 40 anthems and sacred songs this year and the children about 20. Both choirs will return in September after a well deserved rest to begin a new year of learning and singing. Why not consider joining our Music Ministry as we praise God in this special way.

*“He who sings prays twice.”
St. Augustine*

PLANNING WEDDING MUSIC AT ST. LUKE CHURCH ---

Among her responsibilities, Jessica Tranzillo Smith, Director of Music of St. Luke will assist engaged couples with all music arrangements for their wedding at the church. As Music Director she acts as cantor/soloist for all weddings and she will help choose vocal and organ music appropriate for weddings. Consultation with Jessica is required before any musicians and/or soloists are hired from outside the St. Luke Music Staff. Jessica will answer questions or discuss wedding music by appointment. Please call the Music Office at (718) 746-3862.

AIR CONDITIONING ---



To keep our church comfortable during the summer a special collection to help cover the cost of air-conditioning will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend - June 19th and 20th.

Your generous support of this appeal is greatly appreciated. And, we do try to regulate the temperature to make the church comfortable. While impossible to please everyone, we try our best.

Please support this special collection.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ---

The Annual Clothing Drive sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place on Sunday, June 27 from 8am until 1pm in the church parking lot. Gently used articles of clothing are most appreciated.

JUST A REMINDER ---

Now that the warm weather is back with the arrival of summer, please remember to come to church properly attired. Again, how we dress for church shows our love, respect and reverence for the house of God and the sacred rites being celebrated.

And the church is air-conditioned! What may be appropriate for other places is often not appropriate for church.



June 13 Collection	\$13,265
Amount Needed	\$13,000
Envelopes Mailed	1,780
Envelopes Received	754

**ANNUAL MASS IN HONOR OF
SAN CALOGERO ---**

The celebration of the annual Mass in honor of San Calogero sponsored by the Amici Di Naro Club San Calogero will be celebrated on Sunday, June 27 at the 9:00am Italian Mass here at St. Luke Church. The celebrant will be Fr. Chirichella.

“Viva diu e San Calo”

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP ---

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

If you are planning a summer Baptism please note the following dates:

Baptism Class	Baptism Sunday
7:30pm	3:00pm
Mon., June 21	June 27
Mon., July 19	July 11 & 25
Mon., Aug. 16	Aug. 8 & 22

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 filling out a census card. You may return the card by mail, in person at the Rectory Office or in the Sunday collection basket. You will then be registered in the parish and will receive weekly offering envelopes.



SUMMER IS JUST

AROUND THE CORNER---

And with the coming of summer comes vacation and a change of pace here at the parish. **During July and August there are NO meetings for all groups, societies or organizations which meet in the parish.** All involved are asked to make plans now to schedule no meetings in July and August. The summer schedule will begin the week of June 28th; the fall schedule will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.



ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ---

Join the St. Luke Golden Age Club for a bus trip to the Showboat Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Bus leaves 8:00am SHARP!! Cost is \$25 per person. For more info, please call Eileen at (718) 352-3902 or Martha at (718) 539-4396.

GOLDEN AGE SENIOR FESTIVAL ---

PLATZL'S BRAUHAUS (POMONA, N.Y.)

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Cost \$49.00 Time: 8:15AM SHARP!!

On arrival - Danish & Coffee

12 Noon: Franks, Burgers, Sausage & Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Salads, Watermelon, Beer & Soda all day.

4PM Sit-Down Dinner - Roast Beef or Chicken, Salad, Vegetable, Desert, Coffee, Tea.

**Call Eileen at
(718) 352-3902**



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL--- GOOD NEWS!!



As of June 15, I am pleased to announce that we have made our parish goal. Due to the generosity of 403 donors a total of \$108,072.00 has been pledged with \$76,152.00 already received.

A most sincere ***THANK YOU*** to the donors who have so generously supported the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please make your gift today. Now that we have reached goal all gifts will return to support our parish and the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church.

Thank you and God bless!



CHRIST JESUS OUR HOPE: STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS PRAYER ---

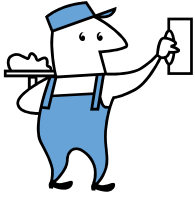
O God of hope, we believe that you dwell within us. As we face the realities of parish life in our diocese, we pray that each of us remain open to the movement of your spirit as we study the data and its implications.

Guide us in our deliberations, enable us to work together...realizing that while change is inevitable, there is a great hope in our belief that you are with us at all times.

Strengthen our resolve to continue to bring about your reign in our world, through the efforts of all: our bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious, and parishioners.

Hear our prayer, O God of hope. Amen.

(This prayer is offered to each parish by the women and men religious of the diocese who hold all in prayerful remembrance.)

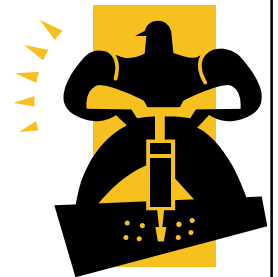
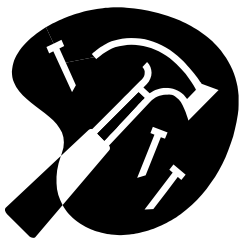
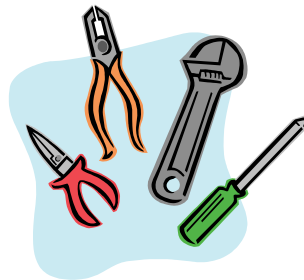


REPAIR & MAINTENANCE NEWS ---

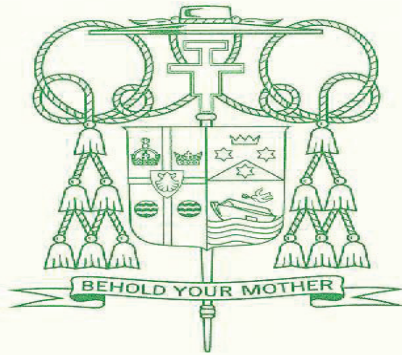
- The Sanctuary carpet is in need of attention; after years of use it is time to replace it. Rather than a new carpet, the oak parquet floor under it will be restored and polished. The necessary restoration work will take place the week (Monday-Friday) of July 26th through 30th. During that time all Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. Funeral Masses will be celebrated in the Hall as well or at Holy Trinity Church by one of the priests from Saint Luke. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph Gibino, pastor of Holy Trinity for his gracious welcome.
- Church Parking Lot --- Work on the parking lot should begin by the end of June. The project will require that the lot be closed to all vehicles during construction. An estimated time frame for completion of the project is two to 3 months. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Parishioners will be asked to park in the schoolyard.
- Stained Glass Windows --- In a letter dated June 4, 2010, Bishop DiMarzio has granted permission for the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church. Having received the Bishop's permission we can now move forward with the project. We are grateful to the Bishop for his approval.

We will continue to keep you informed on these projects as additional details become known. We are grateful to our parishioners. It is only because of your generosity, goodness and love of the parish that we can accomplish so much in maintaining and improving our parish grounds and buildings.

God bless.



To Msgr. Tosi & the Parishioners of St. Luke, Whitestone ---



Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.

John

*Giving thanks to God for you
and remembering you in prayer.*

*Thanking you for your thoughtfulness
on the occasion of my
40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.*

Nicholas DiMarzio

We are so proud --- Let's Celebrate!

The following letter was received by Msgr. Tosi from Brother Stephen LaMendola, CSC, President of Holy Cross High School:

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
QUEENS, NEW YORK

Office of the President

June 7, 2010

Msgr. John Tosi
Pastor, St. Luke's Parish
16-34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357

Dear Msgr. Tosi,

On Saturday, June 5th, Holy Cross High School held its fifty-second Commencement Ceremony that was held at the Kupferberg Center on the campus of Queens College.

I am pleased to inform you that John Petinos, a member of St. Luke's Parish, and an alumnus of St. Luke's School, was this year's Salutatorian. John graduated second in his class with a weighted cumulative grade average of 102.725.

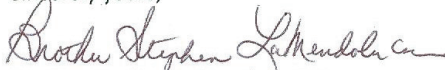
Inducted into the National Honor Society in his sophomore year, John has been a member of that prestigious organization for three years, serving as its very able President this past year. John was also on the honor roll for every period of his academic career which earned him the Award for Academic Excellence at graduation.

This year John was an editor of the school yearbook. He also was on the Mock Trial team during his junior year. A member of the Student Council for three years, he was the Vice-President of his freshman class, President of the Sophomore Class and Treasurer of the Student Government. Most importantly, he has been a Holy Cross Campus Minister for the past two years. John also represented Holy Cross on *The Tablet's* Scholastic All-Star Team.

John was the recipient of a partial scholarship to Fordham and awarded presidential scholarships to Hofstra and SUNY Stonybrook. He also received a full scholarship to St. John's University Honors Program. He will be attending New York University where he plans to pursue a degree in Political Science.

All of us at Holy Cross are grateful to St. Luke's for providing John with the spiritual and academic foundation that has led to his success at Holy Cross. We are most appreciative of everyone's efforts!

Sincerely yours,



Brother Stephen LaMendola, CSC
President

Cc: Mrs. Barbara Reiter, Principal
St. Luke's School

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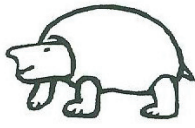
MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010 ---

Pictured are some of the members of the Saint Luke Daisy Scout Troop and the St. Luke Brownie Troop along with Msgr. Tosi at the Annual Whitestone Memorial Day Parade.

The girls had a great time marching in the parade and representing their troops.



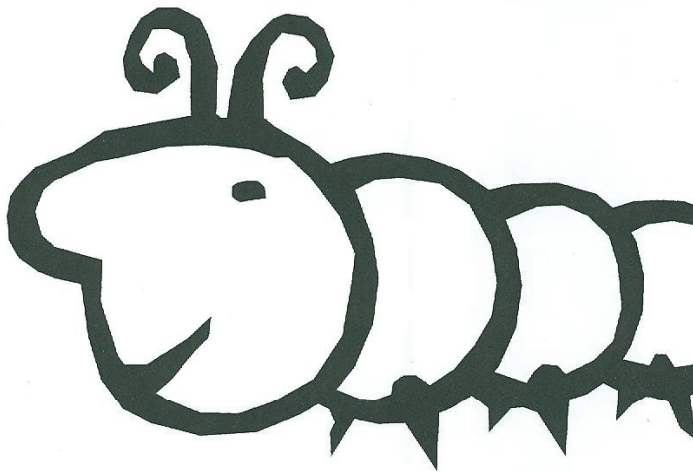


SIGN UP NOW!

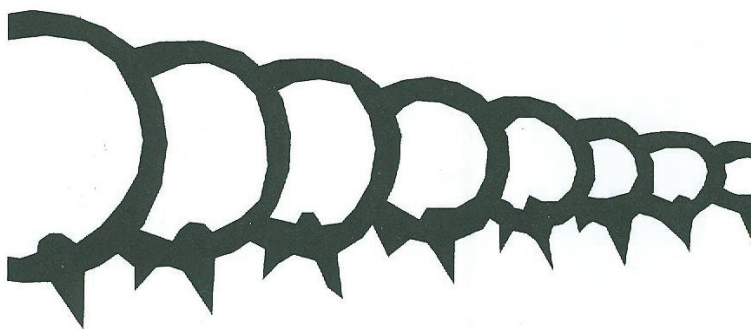
St. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF
RELIGION NEEDS
MANY HELPING HANDS
AND FEET



The involvement of parents/guardians is crucial to the success of our parish Religious Education Program. Please consider becoming a catechist, classroom aide or hall or door monitor for the 2010-2011 year.



If you can offer your assistance, please return the tear-off below.



I am interested in teaching. _____

Grade preference. _____

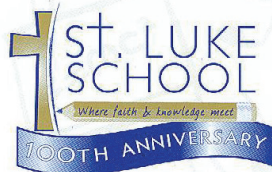
I would like to team teach. _____

I am available to substitute. _____

I would like to help as class aide. _____

I can assist as a hall or door monitor. _____

NAME _____ PHONE # _____



Save the Date

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
NORTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

6:30PM to Midnight

Where faith and knowledge continue to meet...

*T*he gala will commemorate the 100 years St. Luke School has provided a Catholic education to its students. Proceeds raised will benefit the school and enable it to continue to remain an educational institution where faith and knowledge meet.

Since 1910, St. Luke School has provided its students with a Catholic atmosphere that nurtures the growth and development of the whole person: intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. St. Luke School is a Catholic institution of learning that is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools serving the needs of children from nursery to grade eight.

Honoring

PAUL NICAJ

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

OLIMPIA "BARBIE" STAVILE
(Posthumously)

PETER ZUCCARELLO AND
DEIRDRE RING ZUCCARELLO

Tickets and Tables

\$200 per single ticket \$2,000 per table of ten

Sponsorship and Journal Ads are also available.
For more information contact HJMT Communications, LLC at 516-997-1950.

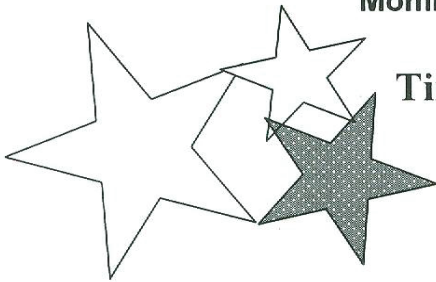
Mommy and Me



The St. Luke School Mommy and Me Program is a fun-filled, well-run program for young children and their caretakers. Every Tuesday throughout the school year, our gym is filled with the sounds of laughter, good conversation, songs and **FUN!**

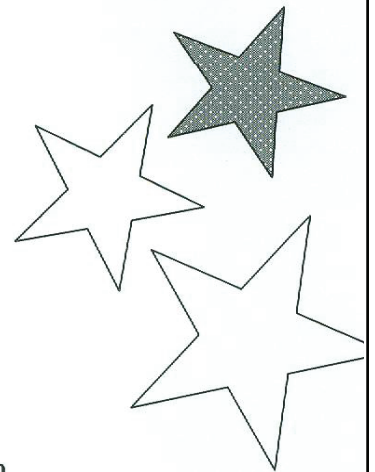
We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of our own school moms and dads who have given generously and freely of their time and talents every week for the past four years to set up, entertain, feed, clean up and provide a wonderful morning of enjoyment and entertainment for the many families that attend.

The faculty, staff and administration of St. Luke School thank our volunteers who work hard to make the Mommy and Me Program such a success!



Tina Lynch and Vicky Palmeri

**Rosemarie Blaskovic
Michelle Boniello
Laura Calzolaio
Joan Haufe
Cara Hayes
Dennis Katsefes
Amber Papadopoulos
Gina Randazzo
Sonia Sakhrani
Kim Spellacy
Debbie Stephanoff
Denise Zastenik**



The Mommy and Me Program will resume again on
Tuesday, September 21, 2010.



Have a happy and safe summer!

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Mon.- 2Kgs 17:5-8,13-16a; Mt 7:1-5
Tues.- 2Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,31-35a,36;
Mt 7:6,12-14
Wed. - Kgs 22:8-13;23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thurs.- Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;
Lk 1:57-66,80
Fri. - Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4
Sat. - Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**MARIA LATA
MATHIAS SCHMALZ
DEBBIE JOHNSON
JOSEPHINE MADDI
CHARLIE DOONAN
ROBERT SODERQUIST
BILL O'CONNELL**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**ANNA HORVATH
CHRISTINE PIZZANI
FARA CINTORINO**

Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 27 at 1:00pm.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2010

Monday, June 21

7:00 Columbia Iracondo
12:00 Helen Reilly

Tuesday, June 22

8:30 Valerie Duecker
12:00 Luigi & Isabella Tempesta

Wednesday, June 23

7:00 Frank P. Daly
12:00 Antonella Mattina

Thursday, June 24

8:30 Peter Jerry Margiotta (12th Ann.)
12:00 Elizabeth B. Clarke

Friday, June 25

7:00 Angelo Licata
12:00 Olindo Testa (Birthday)

Saturday, June 26

8:30 Joseph Tomasso (Wedding Ann.)

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is in memory of **REMIGIO, BERNICE, BENIAMINO & FELICETTA COLALILLO** at the request of the Salvio Family; the Altar Wine is in memory of **RICHARD SMITH** at the request of the St. Luke Charismatic Prayer Group; the Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of **MICHAEL P. O'CONNOR, WILLIAM O'CONNOR, SR. & ANGELO LAURI** requested by Deborah O'Connor; the Altar Candles are burning in memory of **ANTONIO & ROBERTO SALVIO & FERDINANDO MARTELLI** requested by daughter, granddaughter and family.



MY TRIP TO SIX FLAGS ---

By Evan Katsefes

Altar Server - 4th grade student - St. Luke School

On June 8, 2010 the altar servers of St. Luke Church went to Six Flags. We all had a blast. We all went on roller coasters and did other fun things. There were rides like the American Scream Machine, King Da Ka, El Toro and the Lost Train of the Dungeon and many more. My group saw a dolphin show and raced boats. Then on the way back home we stopped at a McDonald's for dinner. We all had fun. All the kids thank the chaperones, Father Vincent and the staff of Six Flags. We definitely want to do this again!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MSGR. FRANCIS J. DILLON COUNCIL #5872**

Msgr. Tosi presented certificates to new members as well as new honorary members of the Knights of Columbus Council #5872. A total of nine new members joined the Council this past February, all of which were unable to be present. Pictured from left to right are Msgr. Tosi, Salvatore Bacarella (new), Dennis Ring (new), Joseph Galanti (honorary member), Edward Weisenburger (Grand Knight), Peter Zuccarello (new) and Dominick Ligotti (Honorary Life Member). Congratulations to all!



Venerantes qui Servabant

Honoring Those Who Serve



Msgr. Francis J. Dillon Council # 5872
Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association
North Queens United Group
Hosts the First Annual

Whitestone Family Appreciation Day

Location: Francis Lewis Park aka Whitestone (3rd Avenue) *

Date: Saturday, June 26th 2010

Time: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(*under the Whitestone Bridge)

Free Admission, Games & Rides



Proceeds from raffles and donations from food and rides will go to the Whitestone Veterans' Memorial Association to help fund their annual Memorial Day Parade.

Come and support our military personnel, New York City Police and Firefighters who serve to protect our city and nation every day.

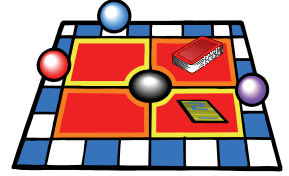
There will be food, drinks, music, children's attractions including pony rides, basketball foul shooting and bocce tournament.



Community News

WHITESTONE GAME NIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS ---

Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 6-9pm at the Dwarf-Giraffe Athletic League Gymnasium. Don't miss this exciting event! Form your 3-player team today. Compete against other teams in a variety of fun games. Raffles, refreshments, fun! Benefitting the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. For more info email Ann Marra at ACottyKid@gmail.com and check out the "Whitestone Game Night Championships" facebook page for game rules, raffle prizes and more. No team? No problem! Register and we will form a team for you!



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH & HEARING CENTER ---

The St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center will be sponsoring free speech and hearing screenings from June 21, 2010 through August 9, 2010. Please call (718) 990-6480 for an appointment and directions. The Speech & Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, N.Y.

The St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center will be offering Hearing Aid Help from June 21, 2010 through August 9, 2010. This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call the Center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment.



THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ---

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 20th through the 22nd, 2010. For information and reservations, call John at (516) 822-0635, Karen at (201) 736-8200 or Jim at (718) 474-3779.

