

St. Luke's School

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MAY 2010 CULTURE DAY



Students had a blast proudly showing off their individual heritages at St. Luke's Culture Day.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR



Dr. Timothy J. McNiff, Superintendent of Schools Archdiocese of New York visits St. Luke's in July 2010. Pictured from left to right: St. Luke's Education Foundation Board members: Edward McGinty, Thomas Parkes, J. James Lewis, Frank Otto, Dr. Timothy J. McNiff, Sr. Patricia Howell, Daniel Butler, Raymond Carew and Tracey Coleman, Principal (seated).

FROM THE DESK OF

Principal
Tracey Coleman



Assistant Principal
Sister Grace Augustine, O.P.



We hope that this letter finds you healthy and doing well. As some of you may know, we had close to 500 alumni and friends at our 100th Anniversary celebration on October 2nd, 2010, some of whom attended our special Mass and tours of the school that day.

It was great to see so many classes represented at the centennial event from the 1940s to early 2000s. To view photos from the celebration, please visit our website: www.stluke138.org. We also had strong press coverage of our celebration, which can be viewed in the "News & Updates" section of our website: www.stluke138.org, along with photos from the event on our home page. We are especially grateful to the Villafana family, who attended the celebration for their special gifts from their foundation in honor of our celebration which allowed us to paint the school and defray some of the costs associated with this event.

We were also pleased to see many of St. Luke's loyal supporters, among them was Theresa Santmann. Former Chairman of St. Luke's Education Foundation, Michael Mullins also joined us at the celebration.

We also thank our board member Frank McLoughlin through whose generosity many of our teachers, staff and Dominican Sisters and a brother of the Sacred Heart were able to attend the

evening event for free.

We would like to update you on some of our recent activities:

On Veteran's Day in November, the children wrote letters and made cards for veterans.

During the Thanksgiving holiday students collected canned goods, which were made into "care packages" and distributed to needy families. Teaching our children to think of others as Jesus did is an invaluable lesson that will last a lifetime.

St. Luke's annual Christmas show took place on December 21st and was attended by proud parents, teachers and staff. The show was a success. Each class performed a Christmas song.

From January 30th to February 5th was "Catholic Schools Week" which included an Open House, a student/faculty volleyball game, Bingo & Jeopardy competitions for grades six through eight and a book fair. In the spring we will have a "Spring Fling" sports day for all students.

On June 2nd, we will be celebrating Culture Day. On this day, each class studies traditions of their chosen culture. The culminating activity is Culture Day itself. Children dress up in clothing that is representative of their class's country and food from various countries is served. If you would like to attend this event, please let us know, so we can arrange it.

Our 8th grade graduation is being held on June 17th. Our eighth grade consists of a total of 31 students. They will attend many of the same high schools attended by former alumni such as: Cardinal Hayes, All Hallows, Aquinas, Monsignor Scanlan and Cardinal Spellman. While the actual cost is considerably more, St. Luke's has been able to maintain tuition at \$2,800. Since our students are from economically disadvantaged families, there is a continuing need for scholarship support.

On behalf of our students, their parents and our teachers, we thank those of you who continue to make donations to help support us in our efforts to educate our most precious resource, our young people.

Thirty one Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York have been designated as at risk schools and 27 will close this year. Thankfully, St. Luke's, is not one of them, in part because of your continued support, which we need now more than ever.

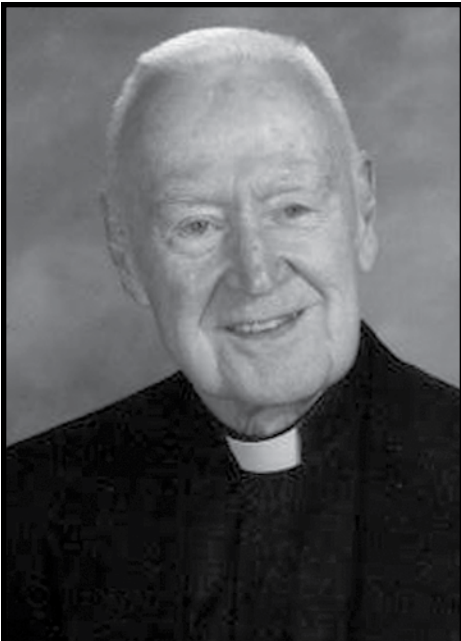
If you have not made a gift to St. Luke, we ask that you consider making a gift to St. Luke today toward our Annual Fund, as well as a special gift to our "Centennial Campaign" to help create an endowment for St. Luke's. If you or anyone you know would like to make a special gift toward this effort or help us raise funds from your fellow alumni to help secure the future of St. Luke's school, please call us.

Help us remain financially stable and continue to provide a quality education for the children of Mott Haven. Each gift is meaningful and will help us continue our important mission. If you are a St. Luke graduate, current or prospective donor and would like to arrange a visit to the school, please call us at 718-585-0380. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

May God Bless you and your loved ones,

Tracey Coleman
Tracey Coleman
Principal

Sister Grace Augustine, O.P.
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Assistant Principal



Monsignor Gerald Ryan

For information about St. Luke's Church, Mass schedules and parish events, please call: 718-665-6677.



ATTENTION ALUMNI!

We need your help in raising funds for the St. Luke's "Centennial Campaign."

If you are interested in learning about or making a gift to create an endowment for St. Luke's, naming opportunities or assisting us with reaching out to your friends and other alumni who are in a position to make a gift or pledge, please contact:

Daniel Butler, Chair, St. Luke's Education Foundation, Inc. at: 212-490-0744 or Tracey Coleman, Principal or Marie Donski, Director of Development at 718-585-0380. Gifts to the Endowment may be pledged over a three to five year period.

Help us ensure the long term financial future of St. Luke's, making sure that the education offered to current students will be available to succeeding generations of children in the South Bronx.



Students, faculty, parents and friends celebrated Culture Day in May 2010. Each class selects a culture and studies its traditions. Students celebrate by dressing up in clothing that represents their class's country. Food from various countries is served and enjoyed by all.

Culture Day is scheduled for June 2nd, 2011. Please let Principal Tracey Coleman know if you would like to attend.



To view/order photos from October 2, 2010 100th Anniversary Celebration, Mass, tours of school and evening event, please visit: www.stluke138.org . A portion of the proceeds from the sales of photos will benefit St. Luke's.



100th Anniversary evening event at The Eastwood Manor, Bronx, NY.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 20, 2010

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Dear Friends:

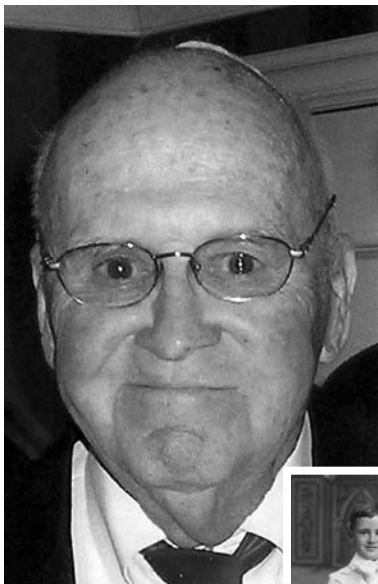
I am pleased to send my heartfelt congratulations to everyone celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's School.

Over the course of your history, St. Luke's School has prepared countless young minds for the world they will inherit. The school has been an anchor in the community and has grown with the support of generations of students, parents, educators, and staff.

I hope you take great pride in your many contributions and achievements, and look ahead to those sure to come.

Sincerely,

ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES:



**Martin Cregg
Class of '44**

A letter from Martin Cregg's family:

Our father, Martin Cregg, was born and raised in the South Bronx and graduated

from St. Luke's School in 1944. He left in the early 1950's when he enlisted in the Marines. He had basic training in South Carolina, California, and eventually a tour of duty in Korea during the war. After he left the Marines, he decided to stay in California, where he went to college, married and settled down with his three children. Our aunt, Catherine Cregg Peterman, had also married and left the neighborhood, staying a bit closer to home in Putnam County.

New York City, and specifically, the South Bronx seemed light years away from our suburban, southern California home, but we grew up hearing stories about the neighborhood and the people who were such a big influence in his life. Although he was not a religious man, he was a caring and loyal one. This explains why even though we did not go to church, my father routinely sold raffle tickets to benefit St. Luke's, a place we had never even seen. Over the years, he

occasionally went back to the South Bronx even though the people he had known growing up, had long since moved away. On one occasion, he had the opportunity to meet with Father Ryan and talk about the old neighborhood. He and my aunt had a good time attending the St. Luke's church centennial celebration in 1997.

Our father passed away June 22, 2010 at the age of 80. Among his belongings we found several St. Luke newsletters and his invitation to this year's centennial celebration for the St. Luke School. He would have loved to be there, as would my aunt, who passed away 2 years ago. While the students at St. Luke's are no longer the Irish of his youth, he knew how important it was for the residents of Mott Haven to have a quality education, and he wanted to do what he could to help the students of St. Luke's. My sister, brother, and I were more than happy to honor his final wish to donate \$10,000 to the school that was so important to him growing up. We wish St. Luke School well as it starts its next century.

*Kerry Ziller, Colleen Cox
and Kevin Cregg*

We are grateful to alumnus, Martin Cregg, Class of '44 for providing a generous gift to St. Luke's school in his will to help ensure that St. Luke's can continue to provide a values-based quality education to the children of the South Bronx.



Gaelic Football team (1940s): tallest boy Martin Cregg pictured in back row, center.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Martin Cregg ('44) who passed away in June 2010.

REMINISCING



Ivette Matias
Class of '72

Congratulations St. Luke's for your outstanding 100th Anniversary celebration! What a heart-warming

experience to return to St. Luke's after 38 years! As a current eighth grader escorted me throughout the building, I could not help but reminisce of my foundation years there. One of my most vivid memories took place when I was in the second grade.

My teacher, Sister Casimir, called my mother in for a meeting to discuss my academic progress. With the help of an interpreter, she told my mom that she was concerned because, although she knew I was a bright child, I was a delayed reader and was scoring below average academically.

She asked my mom if we had books to read at home, to which my mom responded, "Oh yes!!! We bought her an encyclopedia and a dictionary for her to study, but she is never interested." My loving parents of humble means had invested in a brand new Encyclopedia Britannica along with a Webster's dictionary for me to read during my spare time.

The teacher asked her, "Well,

is there anything she likes to read? There must be something." My mom responded with pride, "Well, every time we pass by the candy store on our way home, she wants me to buy her comic books. However, I tell her, 'NO'! Comic books are not good to read!"

Thank God, my insightful teacher gave my mom permission to buy me all the comic books I wanted! Not only that, she suggested taking me to the library so that I could borrow all the books I desired. Needless to say, in less than a year, my reading level went up two grades. I graduated from St. Luke's School as one of the four Honor students, thanks to that caring parent-teacher conversation that took place in 1966.

It was wonderful rekindling with Sr. Michaela, Sr. Arthur, Fr. Ryan and my former classmates.

Thank you St. Luke's School and Parish. May the St. Luke's School connection continue another 100 years!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP ST. LUKE'S

You can now make a gift to our Annual Fund online at www.adnycap.org and find St. Luke's School.

Or send your check to: **The St. Luke's Education Foundation, Inc.** in the enclosed envelope to the address on bottom of this page.

A **planned gift** with your elementary school **can help you meet your financial and charitable goals, while creating a legacy** at your alma mater.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

1. Bequests

The most common planned gift and simplest way to remember your elementary alma mater in your estate plan is by leaving a gift in your will.

2. Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity allows you to receive fixed payments for the rest of your life while simultane-

ously making a gift to your school.

3. Life Insurance

You can either name your school as a beneficiary of a policy or transfer ownership of a whole life policy to your alma mater.

4. Retirement Assets

The simplest way to leave the balance of a retirement account to your school after your lifetime is to list your alma mater as the beneficiary on the beneficiary form provided by your plan administrator.

For additional information on your planned giving options, please contact our planned giving specialists at (646) 794-3317 or at gift.planning@archny.org.

If you have already provided for St. Luke's in your estate plans, please let us know by sending a note with your address and phone number/email address to the attention of the development office at the school. We would like to recognize you for honoring St. Luke School in this special way. The St. Luke's 1910 Society named after the year

St. Luke's was founded, recognizes alumni and friends who have provided for St. Luke's future through intended bequests.

Gifts of Stock: If you wish to make a gift of securities, please contact Tracey Coleman, Principal or Marie Donski at 718-585-0380.

If you or your spouse's company has a "matching gift" program, please ask your human resources officer for appropriate forms and guidelines. You can double or even triple your support to St. Luke's by taking a few minutes and filling out a form to benefit our school. **We thank all that have recommended St. Luke's for grants and matching gift contributions.** We truly appreciate it!

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through a bequest, life income or life insurance policy gifts. If you have provided for St. Luke's in your will, please let us know. We would like to recognize you for honoring St. Luke School in this special way.

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one student at a time**

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