

# St. Joan of Arc Catholic School

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**Be a part of a school that has been a leader  
in quality education since 1921.**

## WE PROVIDE:

Pre-K, 3 & 4	Art Program	Enrichment Clubs	Music Program
Kindergarten	Band Program	Guidance Counselor	Physical Education
Grades 1-8	Choir	Language Program	Service Projects
After School Program	Classical Assemblies	(Spanish, French, Italian)	Stage Performances
	Computer Program	Learning Center	

## OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, January 31, 2007

9:30AM to 11:00AM

*Registration Information for the 2007-2008 School Year*

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN

**Monday, February 5th • 9:00AM-11:00AM.**

### GRADES 1-8

**Tuesday, February 6th • 9:00AM-11:00AM.**

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### PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 8

St. Raphael School is a Catholic school committed to quality education, discipline and Christian values.

St. Raphael School educates students from pre-school through grade eight with the goal of meeting the needs of all students. Challenging programs are offered in addition to remedial and guidance services as needed.

Among the many features and programs offered are: band, Spanish, chorus, Internet access in every classroom, after-school clubs such as accelerated math, arts and crafts and more.

The city Hot Lunch Program is available.

A teacher-supervised after-school program operates daily to 6 PM.

The Home-School Association sponsors sports nights, seasonal events and spirit-building activities.

The school is centrally located and easily accessible by car and is also convenient to public transportation. The Number 7 train and the Q39, B24, Q60 and M32 bus stops are all within walking distance.

Free school bus service is available for eligible students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

*Reasonable tuition rates. Financial aid available.  
Invest in your child's future. Your child is worth it!*

**St. Raphael School will have OPEN HOUSE  
Tuesday, February 13 from 9 to 10 AM.  
and Thursday, February 15 from 9 to 10 AM.**

**Registration: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
February 27, March 6, 8, 13 & 15 from 9 to 10:30 AM  
or by appointment.**

## Con Ed... needed to avoid a repeat From page 13 of this debacle."

Gianaris is heading an Assembly Task Force investigating the failures of Con Edison and the PSC during the blackout. The Task Force is expected to release its recommendations before the end of the month.

In response to the PSC draft Onorato stated: "This draft report underscores what so many of us already suspected: Consolidated Edison was indeed 'asleep at the switch' both before and after the horrendous power outage this past summer that left almost 175,000 people in Western Queens sweltering in the dark and the heat for nine days.

"Not only did the utility fail to respond adequately to the blackout itself, it failed to address many pre-existing operations, maintenance and oversight issues in the Long Island City power network.

"The challenge now is two-fold: to make sure that Consolidated Edison cleans up its act to ensure that we never experience this kind of devastation again, and to ensure that ratepayers who have already suffered enough, aren't further punished by what the PSC staff are calling the utility's 'gross disservice' to its customers."

"Vallone said the PSC report clearly showed that the blame for the blackout fell on Con Ed. "It clearly states that Con Ed either 'failed or refused to comprehend' the extent of the damage, which is a nice way of saying that they continually lied to the public," Vallone said. "It also makes clear that the report Con Ed released in October was a complete whitewash and a continuation of Con Ed's attempt to deceive the public."

Now, said Vallone, "We have to hold someone accountable for the devastation that Con Ed caused to our neighborhoods. Kevin Burke must resign, heavy fines should be levied against Con Ed and complete restitution to our neighborhoods must be given."

Vallone then declared that Bloomberg's defense of Con Ed was in error. The lawmaker stated, "Fines can only be passed on to the public

## 114th... making an improper left From page 10 turn.

Two Hispanic females 35 and 40 years old were charged with criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny after they were observed stealing merchandise from 34-37 48th St.

### Sunday, January 14:

- Six Hispanic males, two 26 years old and four others, 18, 25, 29 and 38 years old, were observed with open beers in public at 31-36 14th St. Each of the six was charged with having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public.

- A 51-year-old Hispanic male sold alcohol to a minor and permitted numerous persons to drink alcohol in an establishment at 31-36 14th St. that did not have a license. He was charged with unlawfully dealing with a child and criminal nuisance.

- A 19-year-old Hispanic male was observed operating a vehicle with a loud muffler. He was stopped at 34th Avenue and 31st Street and upon further investigation, was found to be wanted on a warrant. He was charged with having an inadequate muffler.

- A 28-year-old white female involved in a car accident at 36-09 31st St. exhibited signs of intoxication. She was charged with DWI.

- A 37-year-old white male was observed failing to signal upon the execution of an unsafe turn. When he was stopped at Hoyt Avenue North and 31st Street, he was found to have a suspended license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operator and making an illegal signal.

if the PSC allows Con Ed to raise its rates, which the PSC has said it will not allow."

Gioia (D-Long Island City) also called for Burke to resign. "You can't legislate honesty, and for Con Ed to move forward, you need a new management team," he stated.

Bloomberg, in taking Con Ed's side in the blackout and the PSC report, credited Burke with doing a "great job" and tried to discourage talk of having Con Ed pay millions of dollars in penalties or compensation by spreading the fear that customers would wind up paying these huge costs.

But Vallone's comments held the opposite view, maintaining that the PSC would not give Con Ed rate increases to recoup the financial damage it had incurred with its botched job.

Con Ed issued a statement after the PSC report came out saying it had already put in place some of the recommendations the PSC made. It also said it had already invested \$89 million in emergency response, permanent repairs and other improvements. ■

## News... threatening situations," From page 10 Linebarger said.

"These discussions give us an opportunity to meet one-on-one with youngsters, to impress the importance of the 911 call and to show them some simple ways to help injured people."

A spokesperson for Liu said the councilmember arranged for the Red Cross visit because he believes, "Everyone should be prepared to react to emergencies in a post-9/11 world, even children."

### Long Island City

#### 'Construction Worker' Kidnapped

Long Island City artist Sergio Furnari is spending much of his time these days waiting for the phone to ring, hoping the thief who stole a piece of his artwork will have a change of heart and return it to him.

Missing is a 100-pound figure of a man sitting on a steel beam, eating lunch with his buddies, Furnari said. The concrete and fiberglass figure is part of Furnari's sculpture, "Lunchtime on Top of the Skyscraper", worth between \$5,000 and \$10,000, he said.

Furnari said he last saw the complete sculpture on the night of January 14, mounted on top of a truck outside his Long Island City studio.

Furnari discovered the man was missing at about 5 p.m. on January 16. He immediately notified police.

The artwork has great sentimental value. "It's like someone stole a piece of my heart," Furnari said.

Furnari said it took him several years to complete the sculpture of 11 life-size construction workers sitting on a beam eating lunch. The sculpture is based on a 1932 photograph of men who worked on the construction of Rockefeller Center. Furnari said it was his original intention to cast the statue in bronze, but he opted instead for metal, fiberglass and concrete.

The missing "man" was sitting on the far right side of the piece, holding a bottle, Furnari said.

Furnari said he has spent the last five years driving the statue all over the city and around the country. "It belongs to the American people," he said. "Workers at Ground Zero were drawn to it. It inspired them and lifted their spirits."

Furnari said he believes police at the 108th Precinct will do their best to track down the thief and bring the "kidnapped" man back home. He said he will offer several pieces of his artwork to anyone who has information on the missing sculpture.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Crimestoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS.