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ages 3 to 6, \$28 per class, Fort Totten Park, The Castle, Grand Ballroom, Bayside; 917.601.6839 or 718.352.1548.

Jul. 27, Queens Historical Society, "Tibetan Buddhism..." admission \$3/\$2, Historic Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing; 718.939.0647, x. 14.

Items of Community Interest

Jul. 26, 109th Police Precinct VIN etching, 31st Road/Union Street, Flushing; 718.321.2270.

Jul. 26, Aug. 23, American Family Community Services, IX Domestic Violence Workshop: Learn the Risk Factors, 37-63 76th St., Jackson Heights; 718.639.8370.

Jul. 27, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-01, America's Boating Course; Fort Totten, \$100 adults, \$50 children 16 and under and uniformed civil servants; 718.352.3764 or www.a0141201.uscgaux.info.

Jul. 30, LaGuardia C.C., free Job Training Workshop, College's Workforce1 Career Center, C-Building, Room C400, 29-10 Thomson Ave., LIC; 718.602.2130.

•1st, 3rd, 5th Sat., Queens Best Toastmasters Club, public speaking/communication, free; Elmhurst Hospital Center, Conference Room A-1-15, 79-01 Broadway; 718.457.8390.

•Summer/Fall, Sunnyside Greenmarket, Skillman Avenue between 42nd/43rd Streets. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday until late autumn..

•Sundays, Adopt a Homeless Dog, Cat or Kitten, Animal Center of Queens, a non-profit, no-kill organization, 89-10 Eliot Ave., Rego Park; 718.424-3340 or www.acq.petfinder.com.

Library Highlights

There are many free events available at the Queens libraries for adults, teens, tweens and kids, for program/event information go to www.queenslibrary.org or call 718.990.0700. A sampling of August's free events at Queens local Libraries: Summer Reading Club, Grades ages 3-5, Toddler Time ages 18-35 months, Picture Book Time, Friday Afternoon Games, Arts & Crafts: Fun with Tie-Dyeing, Reading Help, Toddlers Together ages 1-3, Game On Wii, Children's Film Fest, Free

Time for Kids. Kid's Writing Workshop, Crochet Club, Chess and Checkers, Summer Crafts with Robin Cook, Movie Day ages 5-12, Game Day, Summer Reading Meeting ages 2-6, Book Buddies ages 5-8, Fantastic Fridays!, Friday Fun Crafts, Chess Club with Alex, Family Storytime, Saturday Science Lab ages 6-11, Music of Korea, Baby & Me, Baby Time, Ladybugs: Read-to-Me Club, Picture Book Time, Create Your Own Native American Necklace, Go Buggy! Live VTC with the New York Hall of Science, Girl Power: A Girl Scout Program, Gaming for Tweens, Summer Reading in Atlas Park, Teen Advisory Group and more.**Jul. 28,** *Galileo's Daughter...*; **Jul. 30,** *Metamorphosis*; **Jul. 31,** *The Keep*; **Aug. 2,** Music of Korea; **Aug. 5,** Music & Dance of Afghanistan; **Aug. 9,** Contemporary French Culture; **Aug. 16,** Benefits of Meditation; **Aug. 18,** Music of Italy.

Parks & Recreation**Alley Pond Environmental Center**

Jul. 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, Watercolor Workshops; **Jul. 26,** Mad Scientist: Pond Scum, Down By The Bay; **Jul. 27,** Grand Falloons Professor W's Earth Science Show; **Aug. 2,** Margaret Wise Brown Fan Club Saturday Afternoon Story Time; **Aug. 9,** Mad Scientist Microscopic Studies. APEC has many fun and interesting programs all year long for tots to pre-teens to adults, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston; program information 718.229.4000.

Forest Park

Jul. 25, BR & Timebomb; **Jul. 29,** Bi-lingual "Wizard of Oz", Jackson Pond Playground; **Jul. 31,** Nashville Attitude; **Aug. 7,** "Hannah"; **Aug. 8,** Kirsten Thien Band; **Aug. 9,** Gen3ration; **Aug. 14,** "Smokey Joe's Cafe"; **Aug. 15,** Puppets In The Park: "Cinderella Samba", "Hairspray". Most events will take place at the George Seuffert Bandshell. Call 718.235.4100 for program information.

Hall of Science

To Sep. 14, Magic: The Science of Illusion, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, 311.

Highland Park

Aug. 16, Summer Fun Day!, Puppets In The Park: "Cinderella Samba", "Shrek"; **Oct. 18,** Fall Harvest Festival. Call 718.235.4100 for program information.

Queens Botanical Garden

Jul. 27, Aug. 10, Queens Festival Band plays America's Music, free, parking \$5 in lot on Crommelin Street; 718.886.3800. Spend some time taking in the grounds at the gardens, there's much to see and things to do, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

Queens Zoo

Ongoing, Interactive Discovery Center, 53-51 111th St., Flushing Meadows-Corona Park; 718.271.1500 or go to www.queenszoo.com.

Others

Jul. 25-27, Queens County Farm Museum, annual Thunderbird American Indian Mid-Summer Pow Wow, weekend pass \$15, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Floral Park; 718.347-FARM.

Jul. 26, Baisley Pond Park, Third Annual Gospel Fest, Rockaway/Sutphin Boulevards, Queens; 311

Jul. 29, City Parks Foundation, Performing Arts Festival, The Delfonics, Queensbridge Park, Long Island City; **Jul. 31,** Marvin Sapp, Springfield Park, 184th Street/147th Avenue; **Aug. 7,** The Chi-Lites, Springfield Park; **Aug. 14,** Main Ingredient with Cuba Gooding Sr., Springfield Park, Queens; 311.

Jul. 29, Gantry State Park: Live at the Gantries, York College Summer Big Band student jazz ensemble; **Aug. 5,** Mahina Movement fusion music; **Aug. 19,** Zikrayat Arabic music/belly dancers; **Aug. 26,** Noireur and Uzui punk music; Citylights Building 49th/50th Avenues & East River, LIC.

Jul. 29, Dutch Kills Civic, CM Eric Gioia & CALDC, Summer Fun Children's Series 2008, Uncle Brothers; **Aug. 5,** Salsa Festival; @Athens Square Park, 30th Avenue/30th Street, Astoria; **Jul. 30,** Uncle Brothers; **Aug. 6,** Salsa Festival; @ Dutch Kills Playground, 36th Avenue/Crescent Street, LIC; 718.728.7820.

To Aug. 12, Various pools; registration, free swimming lessons registration; Session 2 classes; **Aug. 13,** registration; **Aug. 14-29,** Session 3—Astoria Pool, 19th Street/23rd Drive, Fisher Pool, 99th Street/32nd Avenue, Liberty Pool, 173rd Street/106th Avenue, Queens; 311.

Prayer...**From page 49**

have taken precedence over the prayer and Mass cards for young people, chiefly because they are more relevant in their lives. By broadening the perception of the cards to positive life events and presenting them as something young people can take advantage of in their everyday lives, the practice of purchasing prayer cards and Mass cards on a regular basis by young Catholics will be passed down to future generations, as well, and become a staple in the Church.

The funds from the offerings for Mass and prayer cards comprise more than 90 percent of the support for the priests and brothers at the Passionist Monastery of the Immaculate Conception. Catholic priests take vows of poverty, so the funds also support charity missions in countries such as Haiti and the Philippines, as well as our work right here in Jamaica, helping to get young people out of prostitution and gangs, and hosting spiritual retreats for people of all ages.

We are reaching out with our new message in our mailings and are excited about our impending updated Web site that will allow offerings to be made on the Internet. It has been my experience, however, that the best ideas often come from the

To Aug. 29, Astoria Pool, Mon.-Fri., "Early Bird/Night Owl" adult lap swimmers, 19th Street/23rd Drive, Astoria; go to www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311

Reunions

Oct. 1-4, USS Columbus Ca-74/CG-12/SSN-762, 1944-1976; Holiday Inn North, Dayton, OH; Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815; 260-486-2221, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST.

School Events & News

Jul. 29, NYC Department of Education, public hearings, 2008-09 Contracts for Excellence Plan; I.S. 230, 73-10 34th Ave., Jackson Heights; ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov

Aug. 2, Queens Lutheran School, flea market, vendors wanted, \$35/table \$25/space, 31-20 21st Ave., Astoria; 718.721.4313.

•Mon.-Fri., Samuel Field Y Beacon Program @ M.S. 216, homework helpers, after school club time; **Tues.,** adult computers beginner/advanced; **Wed.,** advanced ESL Level I/II; **Fri.,** hip-hop dance; **Sat.,** skills agility balance b-ball clinic & family shoot-around, math prep course for specialized H.S. exam, volunteers wanted, all programs free to NY residents, 64-20 175th St., Fresh Meadows, program information, 718.445.6983.

Seniors

Atria Kew Gardens & Lighthouse International, 117-01 84th Ave., Kew Gardens, pre-register 212.821.9241; 718.441.0300; **Tues.,** Vision Loss Support Group: Coping with Vision Changes.

Bayside Senior Center, 221-15 Horace Harding Expwy., Bayside, has programs for the community, for information call the center.

Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne St; 347-532-3025 or 718.762.3198.

Queens Community House:

•QCH: Forest Hills Senior/Community Center, 108-25 62nd Dr.; 718.699.1010; care giver support services as well as many other programs available, call for more information.

most unlikely places.

I ask you, the readers, to contact me with your suggestions, input and feedback on how you think we can promote Mass and prayer cards so that our mission work here and around the world can flourish. Please feel free to e-mail me at frpetergrace@gmail.com.■

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Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, 258-15 80th Ave., Floral Park; 718.347.6070. ****

Reform Temple of Forest Hills:

•Wednesday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Duplicate bridge games, lesson and light lunch, 71-11 112th St., Forest Hills; 718.261.2900. ****

St. Gregory:

•Jul. 26-27, Aug. 2-3, 9-10, matinees and evening performances. "Seussical the Musical", tickets \$18/\$15/\$7, brunch \$33/\$30/\$22, Gregorian Hall, 242-20 88th Ave., Bellerose; 718.989.2451 or tickets@sgtg.org. ****

St. Nicholas of Tolentine R.C.:

•To Nov. 29, 30, weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Outdoor flea market, weather permitting, school parking lot at intersection of Union Turnpike & Parsons Boulevard; 718.591.1815. ****

St. Thomas the Apostle R.C.:

•Jul. 26, Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Jul. 27, Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Giant indoor rummage sale, new & used items & collectibles, 87-19 88th Ave., Woodhaven; 718.847.1353. ****

Sisters of Charity Halifax:

•Aug. 4, Monday, 10 a.m. Eighth annual golf outing, registration, brunch, golfing, dinner & awards, \$500 per golfer includes links fees, brunch, beverages and dinner, registration/payment by Jul. 28; Cherry Valley Country Club, Garden City; information 718.424.1813 or Advancement@schalifax.ca. ****

Sunnyside Reformed:

•Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., Sunday service, fellowship hour follows; 1st Sunday Holy Communion, 48-03 Skillman Ave.; 718.426.5997. ****

Trinity Lutheran:

•Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist; third Sunday every month healing service, 31-18 37th St., LIC; 718.278.0036.



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