

ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY HOLY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 7:30am, 9am (Italian), 10:30am,12Noon, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 12 Noon + Saturday 8:30am School Days: Tuesday + Thursday 8:30am

THE PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Very Rev. John J. Costello, V.E.

Parochial Vicar Fr. Chin Nguyen

Permanent Deacon Deacon John P. Kramer

In Residence Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, DD and Rev. William F. Krlis

Weekend Assistant Rev. Msgr. John J. Strynkowski

Weekend Assistant Fr. JunHee Lee

Director of Religious Education Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.

Pastoral Associate Sister Theresa Agliardi, R.S.M.

Principal Mrs. Jan Brunswick

Director of Music Jessica Tranzillo-Smith

Confessions Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM; and by appointment or when requested.

The Rectory is the home of our Priests as well as the site of the parish offices. Please call ahead before coming with parish business in order that your inquiry will be assisted by a knowledgeable staff person.

First Friday - additional 8:30AM Mass when school is in session. **Eucharistic Adoration** - First Fridays after Noon Mass with Benediction at 2:00PM; Saturdays during confessions from 3:30PM with Bendiction at 4:30PM.

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary precedes the noon Mass Monday to Friday and the 8:30AM on Saturday.

The Miraculous Medal Novena follows Noon Mass every Monday.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM. The Italian Charismatic Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 7:30PM.

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The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants Please call Sister Theresa at 718-746-8531 to schedule a baptism interview.

Weddings Please contact one of the priests *prior to making plans with a wedding hall.* The Bishop requires, in all cases, that weddings be set no later than six months prior to the date. Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Interested in becoming a Catholic? Need to receive Communion and Confirmation? Call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at (718) 746-3409.

Ministry to the Sick

If anyone is confined to home and unable to come to Mass, please call the Rectory to arrange to have the sacraments brought. If you foresee hospitalization, please call the Rectory and arrange to be anointed.

SAINT LUKE SCHOOL www.slswhitestone.org

16-01 Msgr. Dillon Place, (150 Place) Whitestone, NY 718-746-3833 | Mrs. Jan Brunswick, Principal Our school serves the community with classes from Nursery through Eighth Grade. 718-344-7620.

School of Religion Offering Religious Education classes to our young people attending public school. Our Director of Religious Education, Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J., can be reached in her rectory office at 718-746-3409.

Volunteers are always welcome.

Music Office Jessica Tranzillo-Smith is our parish Director of Music. She can be reached at the Music Office at 718-746-8102 Ext.30

ANNOUNCED MASSES November 18 to November 26

Saturday, November 18

8:30 Fr. Gioacchino Basile

12:00 Mass For The Deceased Of Our Parish

5:00 The Triolo & Stracuzzi Families,

Cecilia & Pasquale Lombardi, Francesco Sivilli,

Sunday, November 19

7:30 Pro Populo

9:00 Frank Morelli, Giuseppe Zuccarello, Nancy

Casabianca, Tiberio Colaguoti,

Valeria Matrullo, Gerardo & Famiglie &

Russo DiMarco

10:30 Joseph Kirincich

12:00 Zdravka Goglia

5:00 Purgatorial Society Mass

Monday, November 20

12:00 Gildo & Gino Persic

Tuesday, November 21

8:30 No Mass

12:00 Salvatore Barretta

Wednesday, November 22

12:00 Michael P. O'Connor

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

12:00 Mass for the People of St. Luke

Friday, November 24

12:00 The Deceased Members of the Mossa & Michielli Families

Saturday, November 25

8:30 Josephine & John Hickey

5:00 Leonarda Asaro, Dinko Cota,

Matthew Geoghegan, Riko Licul

Sunday, November 26

7:30 Purgatorial Society Mass

9:00 Luigi Attanasio & Family, Frank Morelli, Rosa Barretta Prainito, Jose Bedoya, Nancy DiNardo, Antonio & Giuseppina

Tardugno, Nancy Casabianca

10:30 Thomas Murphy

12:00 The Deceased Members of the Natosin &

Goglia Families

5:00 Brother Francis Offer

MEMORIALS For the week of November 19 to November 25



The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of **Kieran Bevin**

Requested by Brianna Bossotti & Family

The Altar Wine is given in memory of **Frank Varlese**

Requested by Mary & Family

The Altar Candles are given in memory of *Riko Licul*

Requested by Theresa & Miranda Zazzi

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

EDWARD BLAKLEY
VIOLA CLEO
BRADSHAW
ROSANNE CAPUTO
NOREEN DONOHER
IRVING FELD
CAROLLYNN FREDA
ROSA GALEJ
SR. ELIZABETH GILL, OP
SR. MARY HELENE
JAKUBOWSKI, RSM
MADELINE KARLITZ
JOHN MARTINELLI
PATRICIA NULTY

HELENE ORLANDO
WILLIAM OTTOSON
BARBARA REITER
VICKY SALAND
CAROLINE SAPORITO
MARY VARLESE
JOSEPH T. VERNICE
MILLIE WEIGL

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Riko Licul Mary Sheean

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving comes quickly this year! It is always wonderful to see the generous response to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the cooperation of young people and adults to collect and sort the food so that it can be easily distributed in time for Thanksgiving. I thank everyone who helped this year, and I pray that everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

At Mass this weekend we hear the Parable of the Talents. In the time of Jesus, a "talent" was a unit of measure to weigh gold or silver. As Jesus tells the parable, he is using the example of a wealthy man who is entrusting his fortune to his servants with the hope that they will make a profit upon his return. The use of the English word "talent" helps us find the deeper meaning of Jesus' words. God entrusts us with many talents and gifts, and we are expected to make good use of them by sharing them with others. When people have a talent for music or sports, it is clear that, by regularly practicing their talents, they get better and better. When we become more talented, we are able to give more of ourselves to others. If we choose to bury or hide our talents, we are not properly using what God has chosen to give to us. At this time of year there are many opportunities for us to share with others from what we have been given by God. Use your talents for the glory of God!

I hope you took the time to read Bishop Brennan's letter that was printed in the bulletin last weekend. It is also posted on the parish Facebook page. With dwindling resources of priests and finances, the Diocese of Brooklyn simply cannot maintain the status quo. Many of you will remember fondly the years here at St. Luke when there were more priests living in the rectory and Mass was celebrated both upstairs and downstairs in the church. When I arrived, there were five daytime Masses on Sunday morning in addition to the two evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday; now there are four. While we will maintain the current Mass schedule through 2024, we will need to evaluate the weekly Mass attendance and perhaps revise our schedule for 2025, especially as we collaborate with other parishes in our deanery. We are truly blessed to have Msgr. Strynkowski, Fr. Krlis, and Fr. Lee helping us with Mass on Sundays, along with Bishop Chappetto during the warmer months, but in reality only two priests are assigned to the parish and committed to serving the people of St. Luke. Even there, my role as Regional Episcopal Vicar sometimes requires me to deal with responsibilities outside the parish, and so Fr. Chin and I do our best to respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please pray for us.

Mass Attendance		
NOVEMBER 11/12		
5:00 PM	160	
7:30 AM	91	
9:00 AM	103	
10:30 AM	237	
12:00 PM	184	
5:00 PM	77	
TOTAL	852	

In terms of parish finances, I will soon publish the Financial Report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. We recently received our property/liability insurance bill – over \$90,000, which basically requires about two months of collections to pay that bill alone. The Christmas light memorials over the past few years have helped to defray the cost of lighting our parish Christmas tree, but it does not cover the full cost. In today's bulletin, you will see that a repair to our church bell will cost \$6,000. We all feel the financial crunch of higher prices for virtually everything, and so I am truly grateful for the sacrifices you make to help support our beloved St. Luke. Please know of my prayers and best

wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

ST. LUKE CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE Masses, Prayer Groups, Meetings and Events

SUNDAY November 19	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY November 20	Noon 7:00 PM	Mass Community Board #7 Public Meeting
TUESDAY November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 AM Noon 3:00 PM	No Mass Mass Youth Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY November 22 St. Cecilia	Noon	Mass
THURSDAY November 23 St. Clement & Columban & Blessed Miguel Agustin	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass of Thanksgiving
FRIDAY November 24 <i>St. Andrew Dũng-</i> <i>Lạc</i>	Noon 5:30 PM	Mass AA
SATURDAY November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria	8:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Confessions Mass
SUNDAY November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universes	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass



ST. LUKE PARISH 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 sacraments as we grow together a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

Our Church is open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each weekday.

Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection.



At 11:15 am from
Monday to Friday,
parishioners pray the Rosary
and
the Divine Mercy Chaplet
before Mass.
All are welcome!
If you cannot join in person,
please join them spiritually.

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular office hours where you can pick up a census card which can be filled out or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket.

You can even download the census card online.

Please check our website:

stlukewhitestone.org

Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes. or if you would prefer to donate online.

Come and join us!



MEMORIALS



The following memorials are available each week for a \$50 offering:

ALTAR BREAD ALTAR WINE SANCTUARY LAMPS ALTAR CANDLES

The following is available each week for a \$100 offering:

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please visit the rectory or call (718)746-8102 to arrange for a memorial for a loved one.

The name of the person will be printed in the bulletin.

We provide a card for the







Let us remember all the deceased members of our parish



Bell Repairs

Every year our church bell is inspected and serviced. This year, it was discovered that we need a new bell swinger and a new chain for our existing bell. The repair cost is \$6,000. I am hoping that 20 families might come forward with a donation of \$300 to help offset the cost. If you can help, please use this form.

Name	Phone
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Please accept of our offering of \$300.

in thanksgivingin memory of __



It's easy and safe to sign up - visit our St. Luke website and click on "Give Central Give Online"





You can also Text to Give to 929-209-6614 Or

> By scanning the QR code to the left you will be brought to our page on Give Central:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/614

Thank you for your support

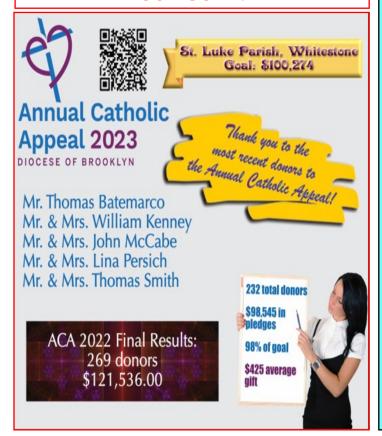


Sunday Collection

November 12, 2023

Parish Collection \$10,247

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!



Infant Baptism at St. Luke

Please call
Sr. Theresa
718-746-8531
when you have
received the birth
certificate to
schedule a baptism
interview



Upcoming dates: December 2nd & 16th January 6th, 2024 February 10th, 2024

Please note - there are no infant Baptism's during Lent



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas





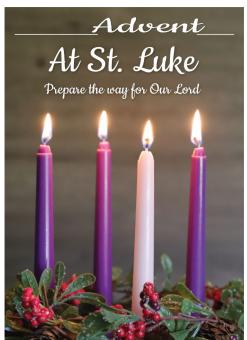
Faith Sharing

Sr. Theresa and Mary Pollini will offer the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent.

Our group will meet on Tuesdays after the
12:00 Noon Mass in Church
Nov. 28th Dec. 5th Dec.12th
And Dec. 19th

For more information—call Sr. Theresa 718-746-8531

Upcoming Advent Events at St. Luke



Starting the weekend of Nov. 25th through Dec. 10th—give from the heart to our annual **Giving Tree.** Please pick up a gift card ornament (or two or three) and make someone's Christmas a little brighter and warmer.

Tuesdays Starting Nov. 28th through Dec. 19th — reflect on the Sunday Advent gospels with St. Therese and Mary Pollini. Join the Advent Faith Sharing after the Noon Mass in church on Tuesdays.

Saturday, December 2nd – Join us for our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting after the 5PM Mass on Clintonville Street for carols, hot chocolate and a special blessing.

Sunday, December 10th – Wrap yourself in the beautiful music of Christmas by our adult and youth choirs. Their "Let All The World Sing of His Birth" concert will be church at 2:30 PM.

Thursday, December 14th—Golden Age Christmas Lunch at Verdi's Whitestone—see ad for details.

Saturday, **December 23th** — last chance for **Confessions** before Christmas. Confession will be heard as usual from 3:30 PM till 4:30 PM in church.



Let All the World Sing of His Birth

Sunday, December 10, 2023 At 2:30 in the afternoon

The Adult & Youth choirs of St. Luke Church Advent and Christmas music of many lands



Come Sing with us as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child

St. Luke Church, Whitestone, NY

Christmas Lights at St. Luke

Help us to ring in the Christmas season by sponsoring lights on our Parish (hristmas tree.

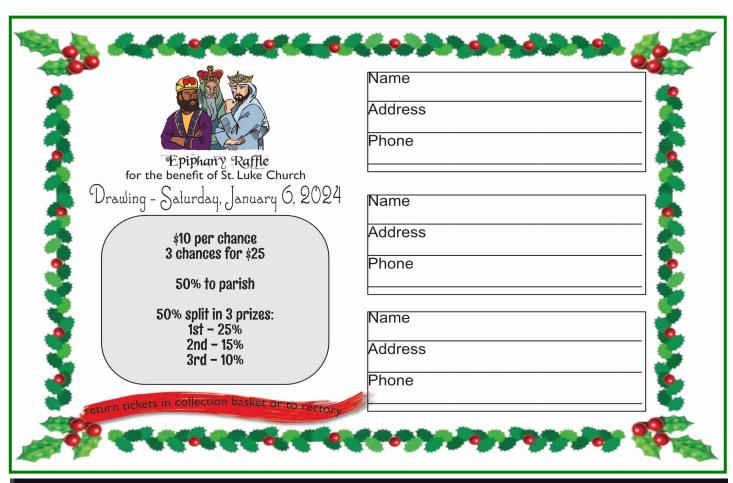
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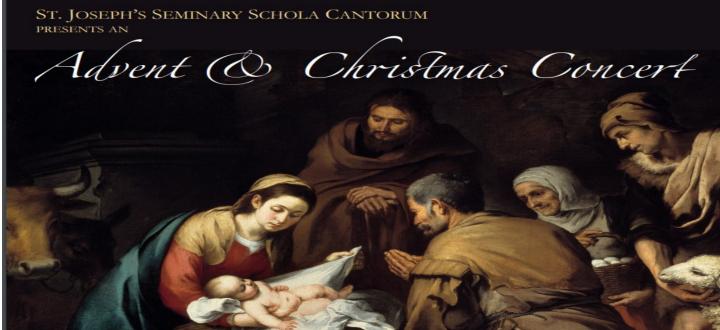
Please return by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you!

Thank you for your support of St. Luke!!

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Saturday, December 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m. 2023SJSConcert.eventbrite.com Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m. (914) 968–6200, x8201 Join us for an annual holiday tradition 201 Seminary Ave., Yonkers, NY

Join us for an annual holiday tradition of song and fellowship!

Tickets - children 12 & under \$20.00, adults \$35.00 (general seating)/\$100.00 (VIP seating)
 Ticket includes hot buffet reception following concert *









Collective Intentions Masses

Several times a year we celebrate a
Collective Intentions Mass on a Saturday at
Noon to accommodate the requests of
parishoners for an opportunity to
remember a loved one at Mass for a special
anniversary of death (i.e. one month or one
year), or to celebrate a special event.

Our organist and cantor are there to help us celebrate.

\$50 offering requested

Upcoming Dates: December 9, 2023 January 27, 2024 March 16, 2024



Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us.

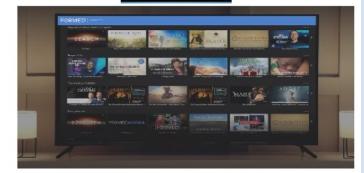
Our group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call Sister Theresa.

Sister Theresa can also offer you individual bereavement counceling sessions if needed.

Sr. Theresa 718-746-8531

Pray for those who have lost loved ones.
May they rest in peace.

Have You Signed Up For FORMED



Exploring the beauty of our Faith has never been easier at home, on the go or from any internet connected device.

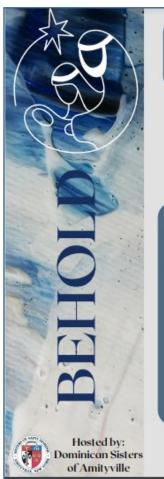
You will find thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries and more for both adults and children content not available anywhere else, and new contect added every day for you to enjoy..



We invite our parishioners to join FORMED for FREE!

- 1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
- Enter "St. Luke 11357" and select the parish from the list.
- 3. Enter your name and email.
- 4. Start enjoying the FORMED resources!

Visit FORMED.org or search for "Formed" on your favorite app store



Young Adult Advent Retreat

Mass Adoration Food Praise and Worship Reflections and more!

Suggested \$10 Donation





For more information, please contact: Manuela Guimaraes manuelaguima@hotmail.com

FORMED

Week of November 19, 2023



St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Funeral Ministries CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Help families to plan the funeral liturgy at the Funeral Home.

Accompany the family during the funeral in church.

ADULT SERVERS

Help to serve the funeral and assist the priest and sacristans.

Contact Fr. John if you are interested in assisting with these ministries.

Called to Serve?

The Diocese of Brooklyn will conduct a training of lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on December 2nd at Resurrection-Ascension Parish in Rego Park.





Please call Fr. John Costello if you would like help discerning if God is ealling you to serve here at St. Luke.





April 16-19/2024 \$1,999.00 per person (double occupancy)

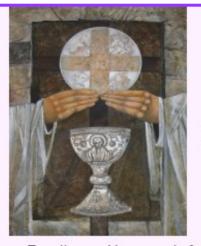
Single Room \$2,299.00 (\$250.00 deposit per person)

Pilgrimage Cost Includes:

- * Nonstop Roundtrip airfare from La Guardia Airport
- * Bus Transportation * Breakfast, dinner and 3 catered lunches
- * Accommodation at the "Hyatt Place Hoover, AL"

* All Gratuities

A & G Peace Tours Inc. 718-423-5077 agpeacetours@yahoo.com



St. Luke's Purgatorial Society

Enrollment Mass cards for your deceased relatives and friends may be purchased in the Rectory Office and at Gleason Funeral Home. The enrollment is for one year of our Sunday Masses for those enrolled in the Society. The offering for enrollmet is \$20.

Each month the names of the deceased who were enrolled in the Society (from the previous month) will be published in the bulletin.

Pre-K celebrates letter G wearing Groovy Glasses!





HELP WANTED

We need a list of substitutes for:

- certified teachers
- paraprofessionals



Email resume and cover letter Principal - Mrs. Jan Brunswick

jbrunswick@slswhitestone.org or call 718-746-3833 for more information



We are grateful to the local merchants and businesses that support St. Luke by placing an ad in our bulletin!

AUTO DONATIONS



The Associated Vincentian Charities will take any car, truck, or van, running or not, and donate \$75 to \$200 to St. Luke Church.

Any condition, free towing, and IRS tax deduction.

Call 718-491-2525

Visit us at sydpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Low Gluten Hosts are Available Go to sacristy before Mass so a host

can be consecrated for you.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



ITALIAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION—Join us on Saturday, December 2nd at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ for a Holiday Christmas Show. \$150 per person includes roundtrip transportation, show, lunch special, buffet dessert table. Pickup at 8:45 AM from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Astoria. Call Silvia at 929-253-4945. RSVP by 11/16.

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY—looking to finish your degree? Molloy University offers a fully online bachelor's degree for adults with a convenient format. For more information contact Lara Sehne, Assistant Dir. Of Outreach & Partnerships at the Office of Enrollment (516) 323-4411 or enrollonline@molloy.edu

Looking for Free & Fun Activities — Visit *nycgovparks.org* website for free events happening all around the city in our parks - including guided tours by park rangers, seasonal activities and more. You'll also find programs for seniors and kids. Some require pre-sign up, but all are free.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - Speech & Hearing Aid Help

Through Thursday, November 30th., 2023 - St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY & is offering <u>free</u> "Hearing Aid Help" for anyone who has a hearing aid & may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. In addition, this center will be offering <u>free</u> speech screenings during the same time & location. *Please call (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment*

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - Center for Psychological Services

School Year 2023 through 2024 - St. John's University Center for Psychological Services is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY, 11367 & is offering evidence-based assessment & therapy services for both children & adults. The center is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM & Fridays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income. We do not accept insurance.

Please call the center at (718) 990-1900 for more information.

Executive Assistant Position: The Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville are seeking an Executive Assistant to support the five members of the Congregational Leadership Team. The Executive Assistant will manage business-related tasks for the team such as creating reports, preparing for meetings, making travel arrangements, and other organizational tasks. The Executive Assistant would need to have a working knowledge of the full Microsoft Office suite, an ability to organize and prioritize, and prior experience as an executive assistant. For more information, please contact S. Diane Morgan via email: dmorganop@amityop.org. Please send resumes to: dmorganop@amityop.org and dcapuanoop@amityop.org.

"Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your life."

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A SENIOR PARISHIONER IS LOOKING TO RENT A STUDIO OR 1 ROOM

If you looking to rent out a 1 room, studio or basement apartment with a private bathroom in the Whitestone, College Point, Flushing or Bayside areas; please contact St. Luke's Rectory for further details at (718) 746-8102. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS FOR MIGRANTS

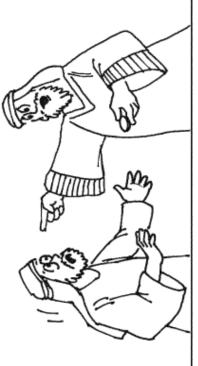
If you have slightly used clothing, shoes, baby strollers, etc. which you would like to donate to the Migrants, please drop off your donations at: Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens/Community Integration Center at 191 Joralemon Street (1st. Fl.), Brooklyn, NY, 11201.

Please call (718) 726-9790 for further information. Your help is needed & will be greatly appreciated.

LOST and FOUND in St. Luke Church

Please see a sacristan if you have lost anything in the church.

The angry master took the money from the foolish servant.



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Children's Worship Bulletin"

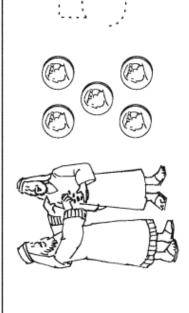
November 19, 2023 • Matthew 25:14-30

Ages 3+

The Parable of the Talents

He gave more to some than to others. some coins, called "talents." A master gave his servants

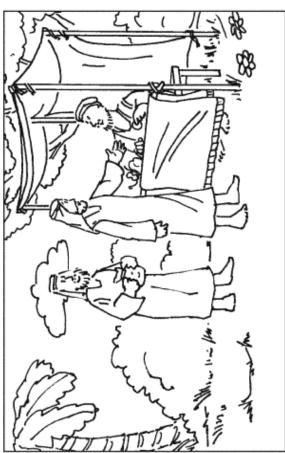
Count each man's coins. Trace the numbers.

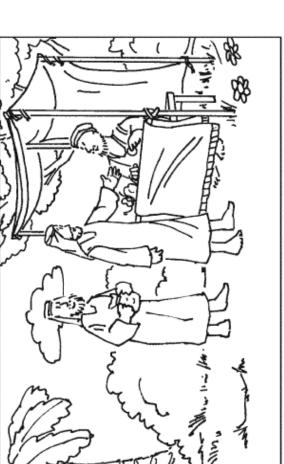


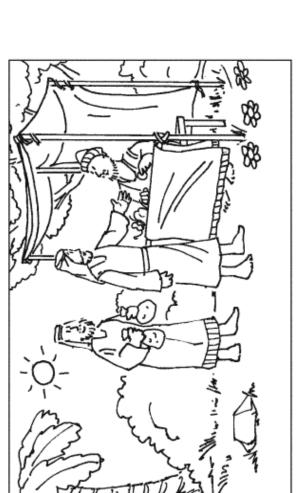


The faithful servants used what they were given to make more money.

Find and (circle) the 7 differences in the 2nd picture.







But the foolish servant hid the money.

Finish the picture.

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