



ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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. Strykowski

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 Benediction 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.

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
December 2 to December 10

Saturday, December 2

8:30 Pasqualino Melone
5:00 Nora Dore, Giuseppe Zuccarello, Riko Licul,
Angela & Joseph Giglio & Leslie Thorsen,
Colman Burke

Sunday, December 3

7:30 Giuseppe Matrullo
9:00 Silvia Rauzi, Frank Morelli,
Giuseppe Zuccarello, Carmine Malatesta,
Nancy Casabianca, Enrico Terrezza,
Vito & Giovanna Rina, Salvatore & Vita
Giambrone, Francesco & Giovanna Imperiale,
Dora Carolla, Giuseppe Matrullo
10:30 Pro Populo
12:00 Purgatorial Society Mass
5:00 Andrew Salerno

Monday, December 4

12:00 Paul Rice

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 The Deceased Members of the Cazzorla,
Berardi & Kearns Families
12:00 Giacomo Siepe

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 Elizabeth Mattia & Kathy Romano

Thursday, December 7

8:30 Bernadette Galvin
12:00 Mary Morelli & Giuseppe Matrullo

Friday, December 8

8:30 Ivonne C. Beatrix Vander Heiden
12:00 Alojz Trajbar
7:30 People of the Parish of St. Luke

Saturday, December 9

8:30 Joseph Croce
5:00 Evelyn Schaentzler, Joseph J. Senica,
Carmine Malatessa, Angela & Joseph Giglio
& Leslie Thorsen

Sunday, December 10

7:30 Michael Colasuonno
9:00 Frank Morelli, Maria Margherita DeLuca,
Ninfa & Salvatore Romano
10:30 Purgatorial Society
12:00 Pro Populo
5:00 Antonella Mattina

MEMORIALS

For the week of December 3 to December 9



The Altar Bread is given in memory of
Evelyn, Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr.

Requested by
Mary Jo

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF
OUR PARISH FAMILY**

EDWARD BLAKLEY	HELENE ORLANDO
VIOLA CLEO	WILLIAM OTTOSON
BRADSHAW	BARBARA REITER
ROSANNE CAPUTO	VICKY SALAND
NOREEN DONOHER	CAROLINE SAPORITO
IRVING FELD	MARY VARLESE
CAROLLYNN FREDA	JOSEPH T. VERNICE
ROSA GALEJ	MILLIE WEIGL
SR. ELIZABETH GILL, OP	
SR. MARY HELENE	
JAKUBOWSKI, RSM	
MADELINE KARLITZ	
JOHN MARTINELLI	
PATRICIA NULTY	

**PRAY FOR THE
DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**



Charles Brancato
Biagio Joseph Ciardulli
Ida Fabrizzi
John Mrakovcich

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Dear Friends,

On this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. Over the past year we mostly heard from Matthew's gospel; this year we turn to St. Mark. Mark's is the shortest gospel, only 16 chapters long, and is often considered the earliest gospel account. Because the gospel is so short, the Church turns to the 6th chapter of John's gospel, usually over the summer, so we can reflect on the Bread of Life Discourse during the "Year B" cycle of readings. In our passage this weekend, Jesus tells his disciples to be watchful and alert. With this admonition, he sets the stage for this beautiful season of Advent. Among all the things that might distract us in the upcoming weeks, let us remember that our primary task is to keep our focus on Christ as we prepare for Christmas. Watch!

Speaking of gospels, our beloved St. Luke's gospel is 24 chapters long. I've seen suggestions on the Internet that a great way to prepare for Christmas is to read a chapter of Luke's gospel each day during the month of December. Even if you didn't start on Friday, you can make up for lost time and begin now. As a *Theophilus* (lover of God), spending time with God's Word is a great gift we can give to ourselves at any time during the year, but especially during this holy season.

On Friday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Mother of God is the patroness of the Diocese of Brooklyn and of the United States of America, and so our devotion to Mary is very important to us. Of course, she is also a key figure during the weeks of Advent. Her availability - *may it be done to me according to your word* - is a model for all disciples, but especially for those who feel called to be a priest, deacon, or a member of consecrated life. Every week in our General Intercessions, we pray for vocations. Let us call upon the Blessed Mother to help those who need some courage to respond to God's call.

NOVEMBER 18/19	
5:00 PM	155
7:30 AM	96
9:00 AM	98
10:30 AM	325
12:00 PM	280
5:00 PM	111
TOTAL	1065
NOVEMBER 25/26	
5:00 PM	177
7:30 AM	103
9:00 AM	134
10:30 AM	211
12:00 PM	227
5:00 PM	126
TOTAL	978

As you can see, I am posting here the Mass attendance for the last two weeks of November. On November 19 we had a special ritual for the children preparing for First Communion, so that explains the bump in attendance at the 10:30 AM Mass. Many parishes are still not at pre-COVID levels, so we are not alone. Please do what you can to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us.

Please plan on joining us next Sunday. Our choirs have been working hard to prepare for our Advent Concert. Both the adults and the children spend hours in rehearsal to learn new hymns and to enhance our liturgies. Their concerts are like a gift to the parish, so please show your support and appreciation by attending the concert next Sunday at 2:30 PM: ***Let all the world sing of his birth!***

With love and prayers,
Fr. John Costello

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

SUNDAY December 3 <i>First Sunday Of Advent</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY December 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	Noon 7:00 PM	Mass Community Board #7 Public Hearing
TUESDAY December 5	8:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Mass Advent Faith Sharing Youth Choir Practice Charismatic Prayer Group Bereavement Group
WEDNESDAY December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	Noon 7:00 PM	Mass Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	8:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 7:30 PM	Mass Mass Golden Age Group Meeting Altar Server Practice Italian Charismatic Prayer Group
FRIDAY December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30AM Noon 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Mass Mass AA Boy Scouts Mass
SATURDAY December 9 <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtiatotzin</i>	8:30 AM Noon 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Collective Intentions Mass Confessions Mass
SUNDAY December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 2:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Advent Concert 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!

**St. Lukes RC Church
Parish Financial Report
For the Year Ended August 31, 2022**

In the Diocese of Brooklyn, our fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31. Each year, as a part of parish administration, a budget is submitted by the parish for approval by the diocese, and at the end of the fiscal year, a financial report is prepared to account for the actual income and expenses of the parish. Here is a summary of the financial report that was submitted for our parish this year.

Thanks for your support of St. Luke!

Fr. John Costello

INCOME

Sunday and All Other Collections	\$ 602,809
Christmas and Easter Collections	35,997
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Revenue	4,142
Votive Shrines	44,914
Interest/Dividends	76,648
Rental Income	7,000
Clergy Fund	108,020
Fundraising (Net)	13,377
Parish Programs	43,567
Other Auxiliary receipts	3,006
Total Income	939,480

EXPENSES

All Salaries	471,814
Rectory Priest Expenses	112,477
Lay Employee Benefits	108,354
Office	91,138
Parish Programs	42,740
Altar Supplies	19,453
Choir books and supplies	3,807
Utilities	41,675
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	69,400
Donations and Charity	9,150
Insurance	85,242
Miscellaneous	10,296
Diocesan Assessment	70,000
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Expense	10,000
Total Expenses	1,145,546
Total Operating (Loss)	(206,066)

EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE

Donations	248,671
Bequest	5,000
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	19,428
Annual Catholic Appeal	20,575

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES

Major Repairs and Renovations	153,677
Total Net (Loss)	\$ (66,069)



Give To St. Luke Online

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



Thank You!

Sunday Collection

November 19, 2023

Parish Collection

\$11,957

November 26, 2023

Parish Collection

\$12,098

Thanksgiving Day

\$475



**BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT**

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
counseling sessions if needed.

**Sr. Theresa
718-746-8531**

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



**St. Luke Parish, Whitestone
Goal: \$100,274**

**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



2023
We made our goal!
Thank you!

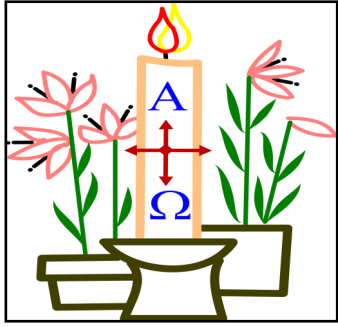
*Thank you to the
most recent donors to
the Annual Catholic Appeal!*

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Davi
Ms. Karlene DePass
Ms. Finola McCabe

ACA 2022 Final Results:
269 donors
\$121,536.00



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 memorial that is suitable to mail or bring to the Funeral Home.

December 9th, 2023 Collective Intentions Mass

The names of the people below will be remembered at the Collective Intentions Mass on Saturday, December 9th at Noon

Giuseppe Amato Carmelo Mattina Karen Zedlovich Raymond Arel

If you would like your loved one remembered at this Mass, or one in the future please contact the rectory for more information



BELLS & CLOCKS
SINCE 1842

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 _____

Please accept of our offering of \$300:

in thanksgiving

in memory of _____

First Sunday
OF
ADVENT



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**



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**



Glory to God

*in the highest and on earth peace,
good will towards men*

Giving Tree 2023

Please stop and pick up a gift tag starting December 2nd

Return the gift card with the tag attached by Sunday, December 17!

Thank you for helping to provide a little Christmas cheer to those in need.



GOLDEN AGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 14th from 1:00 till 5:00 at Verdi's Whitestone

All are welcome!

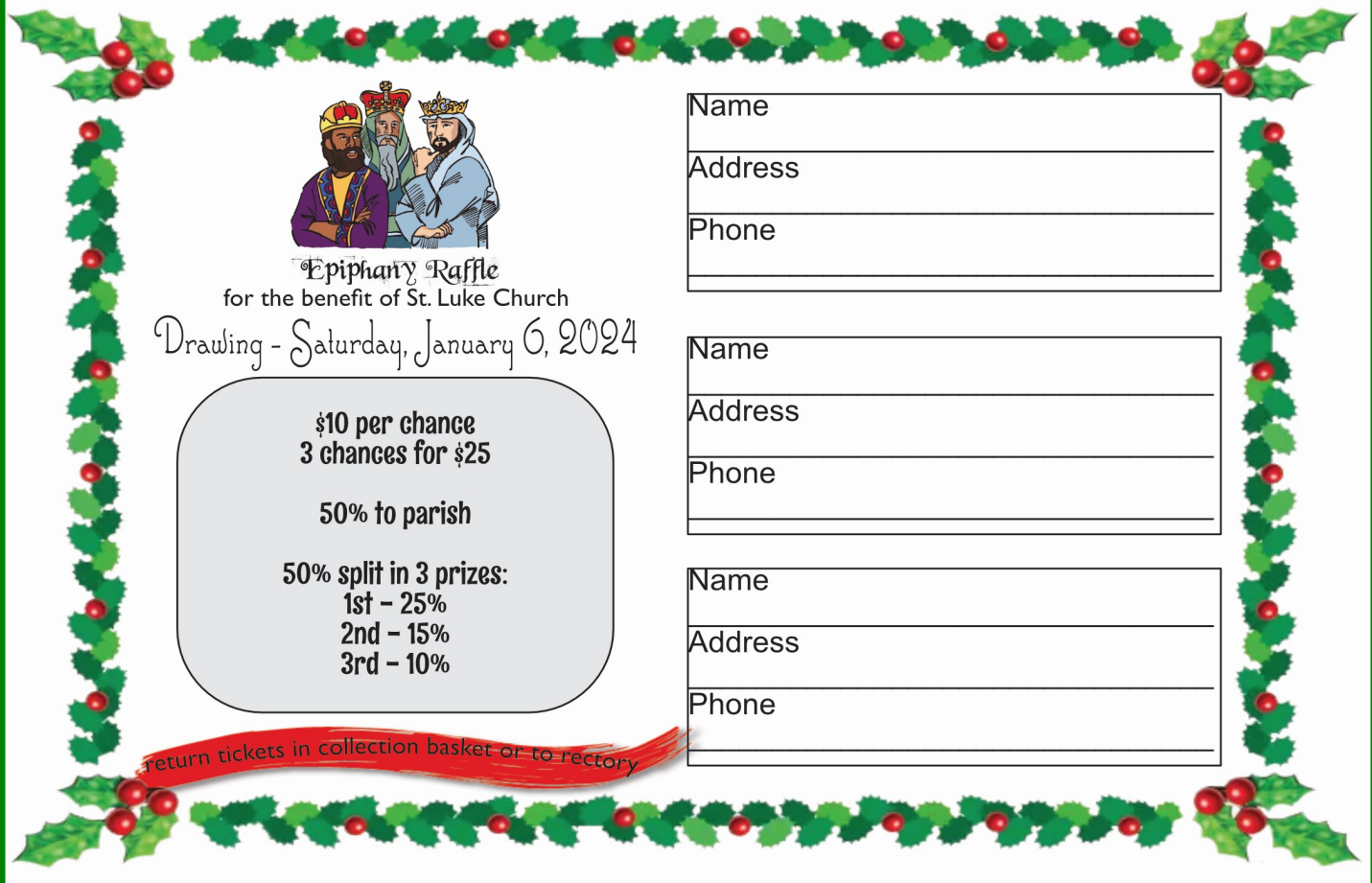
Sit-down Lunch \$75

Our sit-down lunch includes:

Hot antipasto, salad, pasta and choice of entree & wine and soda

Plus a DJ, 50/50 and holiday fun with friends!

Tickets available at Golden Age meetings or the Rectory.



Epiphany Raffle for the benefit of St. Luke Church

Drawing - Saturday, January 6, 2024

**\$10 per chance
3 chances for \$25**

50% to parish

**50% split in 3 prizes:
1st - 25%
2nd - 15%
3rd - 10%**

Return tickets in collection basket or to rectory

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Upcoming Advent Events at St. Luke



Starting the weekend of Dec. 2nd through Dec. 17th – 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.

Friday, December 1st – First Friday – spend some quiet time with Our Lord. Exposition after the Noon Mass. Benediction at 2:00 PM.

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.

Monday, December 18th - Reconciliation Monday. Confessions after the Noon Mass till 2:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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.

Sunday, December 24th – 4:00 PM **Christmas Eve Children's Mass** – join us as our little ones re-enact the Birth of Jesus.



2024 Announced Mass

Announced Masses for 2024 are still available at the rectory office.

Multiple intention Mass options are also available for Saturday evenings at 5:00 in English, and Sunday at 9:00 AM in Italian.

Memorials for Altar Bread, Wine, Flowers, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Candles are also available.

What a beautiful way to remember our loved ones.

Christmas Lights at St. Luke

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

Donations are \$10 per light and can be made "In loving memory" or "Merry Christmas from" the names you provide.

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

Thank you for your support of St. Luke!!

Please list names in the proper column

Merry Christmas from

In loving Memory of

Name _____ Number of Memorials: _____

Phone _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____



CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

We would like to invite all parish children in grades 2 and 3 to participate in a special Mass on Christmas Eve, and help to re-enact the Birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass
Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 PM

Costumes will be provided

Please fill in the below information (print):

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please return this form in the Sunday collection basket, to the school or to the Rectory Office by Thursday, December 14th.

Additional information will be provided to those who register (practice day, costume distribution, etc.)

Congratulations Monsignor Strynkowski!

Sunday, December 10, 2023
9:00 AM Italian Mass
Refreshments after Mass
Bishop Robert Brennan, Presiding



On December 18, 1963, Monsignor Strynkowski was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He has been a weekend assistant here at St. Luke for many years since his retirement.

Please join Monsignor as he celebrates his SIXTIETH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!



Friends of
RADIO MARIA New York
(718)417-0550

Siete tutti invitati ad una
GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA'
SABATO 9 DICEMBRE, 2023
10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sara' una giornata di preghiera e di riflessione
in preparazione per il Santo Natale

PROGRAM

10:00 am - Rosario
11:00 am - Santa Messa
12:00 pm - Pranzo al sacco
1:00 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica
1:30 pm - Presepe Vivente

**Saint Joseph's
Roman Catholic Church**
4319 30th Avenue, Astoria, 11103 NY
Tel: (718) 278-1611

Durante la celebrazione ci saranno
sacerdoti a disposizione per le confessioni

Please Contact Angela Masullo with questions or for
more information 347-828-0921

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
May 25, 2024

St. Luke Thanksgiving Food Drive



Working together ... the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Msgr. Dillion Knights of Columbus, St. Luke School and Religious Ed Students, the Boy & Girl Scouts—and YOU—all teamed up to make Thanksgiving a little brighter for some needy families in our area with the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Over 4,000 pounds of food was donated to:

Grace Church, St. Fidelis/Holy Trinity, St. Mary of Sea/St. Gertrude
St. Leo, St. John the Baptist and St. Raphael

Plus an additional \$331.00 was given to the Grace Church Food Pantry for additional food.

Special thanks to all the adult and children volunteers who gave up their time to collect, carry, sort and deliver the donations!



Over 4,000
pounds of
food
for the
needy



St. Luke School Helping Out

During the week of November 13th, students in Mr. Rau's 7th grade Religion classes who are preparing for Confirmation collected non-perishable food donations in conjunction with the annual parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected 20 bags of food throughout the week and then delivered them to the Pastoral Center. Well done SLS!



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 16th, 2023
January 6th, 2024
February 10th, 2024

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

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.



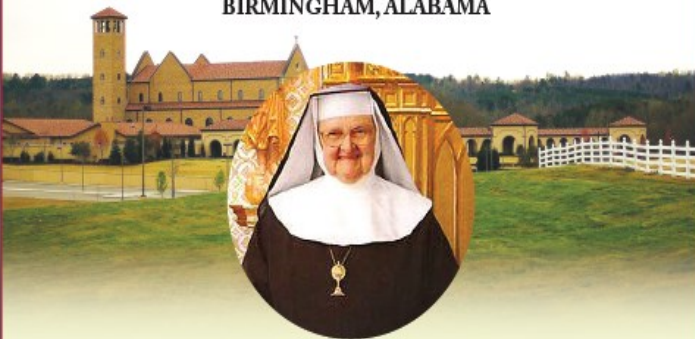
God's Gifts Equip Us for Ministry



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

Pilgrimage to Mother Angelica, EWTN & Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament!

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



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



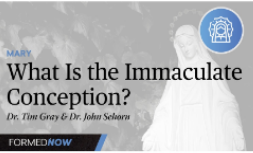
St. Luke's Purgatorial Society

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 enrollment 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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 03, 2023



What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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St. Luke Whitestone

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3. Enter your name and email.
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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



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free towing, and
IRS tax deduction.

Call
718-491-2525

Visit us at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Low Gluten Hosts are Available



Go to sacristy before Mass so a host can be consecrated for you.

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SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP—Sacred Heart of Jesus Bayside invites parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com. Meetings are at 10:00 AM on the following dates: Tuesday, December 5th, Thursday, January 11th, Tuesday, February 13th, Tuesday March 19th

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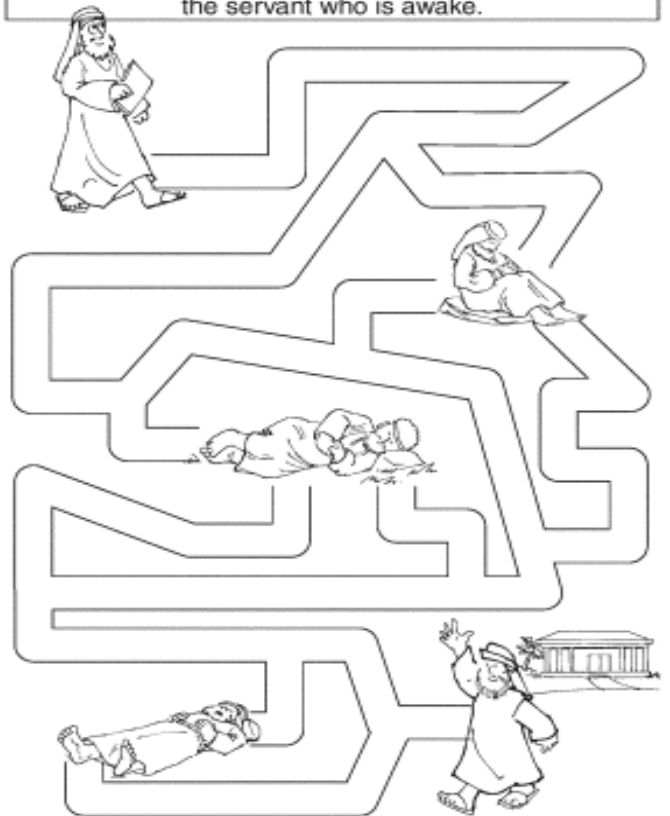
Jesus said, "You do not know when the owner of the house will return."

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



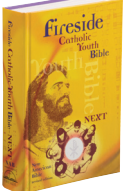
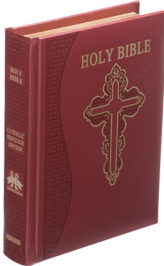
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