

# ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Fecond Sunday of Accent

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.

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 9 to December 17

#### Saturday, December 9

- 8:30 Joseph Croce (Birthday)
- 12:00 Collective Intentions Mass
- 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

# Monday, December 11

12:00 Rocco Michielli

# **Tuesday, December 12**

8:30 Frank Varlese12:00 Frank Varlese

#### Wednesday, December 13 12:00 Louis Bridda

# Thursday, December 14

8:30 The Ottoson Family12:00 The Deceased Members of the Curran, Rooney & Sullivan Families

#### Friday, December 15

12:00 Mario Kranjac

- Saturday, December 16
- 8:30 Maria Costanzo
- 5:00 Rosa & Mike D'Aquila, Angela & Joseph Giglio, & Leslie Thorsen

# Sunday, December 17

- 7:30 Purgatorial Society
- 9:00 Pasquale, Lillina & Maria Russo, Luigi Attanasio, Frank Morelli, In Honor of Santa Lucia
- 10:30 Eva DeGuevara
- 12:00 Patricia McGlinchey
- 5:00 Pro Populo

#### MEMORIALS For the week of December 10 to December 16



The Altar Bread is given in memory of *William Dennehy* Requested by Marianne & John DiBugno & Family

The Altar Wine is given in memory of *William Dennehy* Requested by Marianne & John DiBugno & Family

The Altar Candles are given in memory of *George DiBugno* Requested by Marianne & John DiBugno & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *Dominick Caporusso* Requested by Flo Caporusso & Family

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

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Caterina Casabianca

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

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Last weekend was beautiful here at St. Luke. The school hosted a great *Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!* celebration in the morning, and we had our Christmas Tree lighting in the evening. Almost 300 people attended the 5:00 PM Mass, and we had a wonderful crowd gathered as we prayed and sang before the tree was lit. Over 300 cups of hot chocolate were served, and we are grateful for the great help from Sal Colak, John Dierks and the Athletic Association, the Knights of Columbus (thanks for the sound system, James!), the Martha's Ministry, and our Children's Choir for making the evening so special. The 109<sup>th</sup> Precinct got a last-minute call, and they were here to watch over the event for us. We are always grateful to New York's Finest!

On this Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist comes on the scene. Since I was ordained on the feast of the Birth of John the Baptist (and we share the same name), I feel a personal closeness to the forerunner of the Messiah. One thing that always stands out is John's humility: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." As disciples of Jesus, we need to always acknowledge that we rely on the Lord for everything we have and everything we are. John's message? *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* During these weeks of anticipation, we need to keep our focus on Jesus. Cards and gifts and baking and festivities are all a wonderful part of this time of year, but don't forget that it's all about JESUS.

On Tuesday this week the Church celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas.

Although I have been to Mexico on vacation several times, I have never been to Guadalupe, but it is on my bucket list. Back in 1531, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego. She spoke to him in his native dialect, and she asked that a church should be erected in her honor at the site. When Juan Diego reported to the archbishop, the archbishop would not believe him unless the woman gave some miraculous sign to prove who she was. When he saw Our Lady again, she instructed him to gather roses, which were not native to the place and would not normally bloom in December, into his tilma and present them to the archbishop. When he came before the archbishop, he opened his tilma to present the flowers and a beautiful image of Our Lady was on the fabric. To this day, the original mantle of Juan Diego is on display at the church erected in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, you can find many videos on YouTube that



study the miraculous image on Juan Diego's mantle. Check the parish Facebook page to learn more.

For several years now, Monsignor John Strynkowski has been a Sunday assistant here at St. Luke. This month he marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He decided on having a very simple celebration, and so today we welcome Bishop Brennan who will preside at the Italian Mass as Msgr. Strynkowski celebrates Mass to thank God for the blessings of these past 60 years. After Mass, the Martha's Ministry ladies will provide a simple breakfast reception to give us a chance to congratulate Msgr. Strynkowski and wish him well. *Ad multos annos*!

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

		VEEKLY SCHEDULE Meetings and Events	t <sub>11</sub>
SUNDAY December 10 Second Sunday Of Advent	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 2:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Advent Concert Mass	
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TUESDAY December 12 <i>Our Lady of</i> <i>Guadalupe</i>	8:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Mass Advent Faith Sharing Youth Choir Practice Charismatic Prayer Group	we strive to Lord's comman and one a Rooted in word a as we grow togeth community invi Good News
WEDNESDAY December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	Noon 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass St. Luke Athletic Association Meeting Adult Choir Practice	Our Church is of prayer from 8:00 each we Take advant opportunity
THURSDAY December 14 <i>St, John of the</i> <i>Cross</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	some quiet tin and refle
FRIDAY December 15	Noon 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass AA Boy Scouts	parishio the D If you o please
SATURDAY December 16	8:30 AM 12:30 PM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Baptisms Confessions Mass	If you wish to register of St. Luke Church, Rectory Office during where you can pick which can be filled out or in the Sunday C You can even d
SUNDAY December 17 <i>Third Sunday of</i> <i>Advent</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass	census card Please check o <b>stlukewhite</b> Kindly let us know if receive weekly off or if you would prefer <b>Come and</b>



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> At 11:15 am from Ionday to Friday, oners pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass. All are welcome! cannot join in person, e join them spiritually.

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MEMORIALS	The following memorials a available each week for a \$50 offering: <b>ALTAR BREAD</b> <b>ALTAR WINE</b> <b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b> <b>ALTAR CANDLES</b> The following is availabl each week for a \$100 offeri <b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	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. e We provide a card for the
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# 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

# Bambinelli Blessing Sunday, December 17

Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity for a special blessing.

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. LUKE 2023



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord " *Luke 2:11*  Reconciliation Monday Monday, December 18th Confessions after Noon Mass to 2:00 PM And 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

At all

Masses

# <u>The Nativity of the Lord</u> <u>Christmas Eve</u>

Sunday, December 24th 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Mass 9:30 PM Christmas Carols

# Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th 9:00 AM Christmas Mass (Italian) 10:30 AM Christmas Mass 12:00 PM Christmas Mass There will be **No** 7:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day

# Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st 12:00 PM Mass Since January 1st falls on a Monday this year the obligation to attend Mass is removed.



# 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.



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.

Christmas Mass Schedule – 4:00 PM Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6:00 PM Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 9:30 PM Dec. 24th Christmas Carols 10:00 PM Dec. 24th Christmas Mass at Night 9:00 AM Dec. 25th Christmas Mass in Italian 10:30 AM Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 12:00 PM Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass

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Drawling - Saturday, January 6, 2024	Name
\$10 per chance 3 chances for \$25	Address
50% to parish	Phone
50% split in 3 prizes:	Name
1st – 25% 2nd – 15%	Address
3rd - 10%	Phone
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# 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



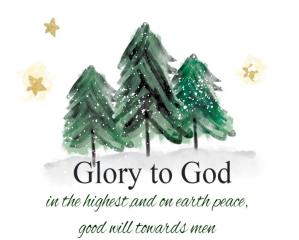
Faith Sharing

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



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 proved a little Christmas cheer to those in need.

# PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRIST

# RECONCILIATION

# Monday, December 18, 2023 2 PM - 4 PM | 6 PM - 9 PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 14th

**GOLDEN AGE** 

from 1:00 till 5:00 at Verdi's Whitestone

# 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.

All are welcome



ST. LUKE CHURCH WHITESTONE, NY

12:30 to 2:00 PM 6:00 to 9:00 PM Exposition at 6; Benediction at 9

Visit any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of New York or the Diocese of Brooklyn, where priests will be available to hear confessions\*.

\*Times and availability may vary by parish. You can visit your parish website or contact your parish office for more details.

Visit unitedbychristmas.org/reconciliation-monday to find a church near you.



# Christmas Lights at St. Luke

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

Donations are \$10 per light and can be made "In loving memory" or "Merry (hristmas 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	(Vumber of Memorials:		
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# 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.			
1	ed to those who register (practice day, costume ibution, etc.)		



# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS We are grateful for your generous response! Thank you for helping us light our beautiful Christmas tree this year!

Edna Z. Stern	Jessica Tranzillo Smith	Gina Marando
Merry Christmas From	In Loving Memory of:	In Loving Memory of:
Edna Z. Stern	Joseph B. Smith	Frank Marando
In Loving Memory of:	Charles A. Mallia	Giuseppe Sacco
Frank & Lillian Zingarelli,	Katie Tranzillo	Gina Sacco
The Rapini Family,	Dominic Tranzillo	Mario Polito
The Maloy Family	Deceased Members of the	Anne Bevin
The DiStefano Family	St. Luke Choir	Kieran Bevin
Geraldine Klussmann	George Paul	Natasha Reggio
Merry Christmas From	Merry Christmas to	In Loving Memory of:
Daughter, Gerri	Peter Muteba	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Onorato
In Loving Memory of:	Maryann Dowers	Catherine Cush
Mom, Dad, Joseph,	In Loving Memory of:	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Lima
Geraldine, Connie,	Ellen & George Paul	Mr. Danny Reggio
Herbert & Joe	Eilleen Mangan	
Patricia Kimber	Patricia W. McGlinchey	Christine Kromer
Merry Christmas From	In Loving Memory of:	In Loving Memory of:
Patti Kimber	Glen McGlinchey	Adeline DeSanna
In Loving Memory of	Denise Duggan	Frank DeSanna
Angela Tognelli	Denis Duggan	Rosemary DeSanna
Italo Carl Tongelli	Adeline C. Van Note	
Mary Burns	Geraldine Licata	Claudia Morelli
In Loving Memory of	Merry Christmas From	In Loving Memory of:
Burns Family	The Licata Family	Frank Morelli
Noeth Family	In Loving Memory of	Famiglia Matrullo
	Frank A. Licata	
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Debra A. Trignani	In Loving Memory of:	Kirk Family
In Loving Memory of	Viola Sutton	Merry Christmas from
Albert & Rose Trignani		The Kirk Family for
		Peace on Earth

Cynthia Mistretta In Loving Memory of: Josephine Violago Manuel Violago Matthew Violago Paul Violago Vin Violago Richard Mistretta Julia Mistretta Albert Procissi Molly Procissi Marge Guarino Frank Guarino Jose Villacorta Rafael Violago

Patrick & Nancy Russo In Loving Memory of: Joseph Russo Lucy Russo John Caputo Nancy Caputo Anthony Caputo Angela Caputo Debbie Caputo Monsignor John Lavin Monsignor John Tosi Monsignor William Flood

Merry Christmas From Sandra Cardonas & Family *In Loving Memory of Arturo & Lorenza Cardonas*  Jane & Lenny Cazzorla Merry Christmas From The Cazzorla Family *In Loving Memory of: James Peacock Connie Peacock Daniel Cazzorla Mary Cazzorla Michael Dolinski Lucy Dolinski Daniel Peacock Mariel Peacock Mary Higgins Peacock Maria Costanzo Michael Cazzorla* 

Adrienne & James Druiett Merry Christmas From Adrienne & James Druiett *In Loving Memory of Camille Ragazzo Therese Ann Hauser Elena Liebstein Carl Ragazzo Angela DeCesare Herbert DeCesare* 

Merry Christmas From Yasmine Cardenas In Loving Memory of Jean-Eddy Silien Anthony Liuzzi Merry Christmas From Anthony Liuzzi & Carmen Salas *In Loving Memory of: Anthony J. Liuzzi Christina Liuzzi Mary Liuzzi Mary Salas Julio Salas Nestro Orchles Sofia Atalaya Antoinette Liuzzi* 

Joseph Valenza Merry Christmas From Mom & Dad Valenza *In Loving Memory of Dominick Valenza* 

Merry Christmas From Joe & Sandy Valenza In Loving Memory of Anthony & Stella Nowacki Madeline Valenza

Merry Christmas From Lynn Schwartz & Family In Loving Memory of Marshal Schwartz Bernice Raperto In Loving Memory of: Maureen Kavanagh Trudy Madden Robert Raperto Marie Raperto Helen Gilgore Emma Raperto Michael DeRespino Sandra Chase Joseph Palazzolo Anthony Raperto

Carol Gilio Merry Christmas From Carol Gilio *In Loving Memory of Msgr. John Tosi Valerie Balsamo Rocca Caringella & Antoinette Nicalosi* 

Claudia Morelli Merry Christmas From Claudia Morelli In Loving Memory of Matrullo Family Morelli Family

Maria DiMaggio Merry Christmas From Marie & Joe DiMaggio *In Loving Memory of Myles Golding Castellucci Family DiMaggio Family*  Christine Campbell In Loving Memory of: Andrew Marzano Vincenza Marzano Orazio Marzano Philomena Marzano Gandolf Russo Mary Russo Dominick Russo Anna Marie Pisillo Betty Ann Kirchhofer Anna Filippi

Annette Neglia In Loving Memory of Damiano & Maria Scardamaglia Matteo & Francesca Neglia Rosa Scardamaglia John (Michael) Connell

Patrice Woehling In Loving Memory of Cecil Woehling Gertrude Lynch Deceased Members of The Beechhurst Woman's Club



Rita Cumbo In Loving Memory of: Natalie Mercurio Rocco Mercurio Joseph Cumbo Angelo Pensa Angela Pensa Frances Pensa Lawrence Pensa Marietta Cumbo Francesco Cumbo & All My Family

Rachel & Anthony Squillante In Loving Memory of Clara Viggiano Joseph Viggiano Mary Squillante Frank Licata

Anne Batterton Merry Christmas to Henry Batterton Charlie Batterton Liliana Karp Madelyn Karp

Phyllis Tesoriere In Loving Memory of: Peter Tesoriere Phyllis Tesoriere Rosemarie Calle Angelo Scavone Vincenza Scavone

Antoinette Barretta & Family Merry Christmas & Happy New Year in Heaven In Loving Memory of: Salvatore Barretta Pietro & Giovanna Barretta & Family Frank, Frances & Joseph Costanza Antonina & Vincenzo Castronovo Giuseppe & Angela Costanza Frank Castronovo Frank Rappa Ben & Gene Barton Donato Romano

Sal & Maria Greco In Loving Memory of Frank & Luisa Palermo Salvatore & Paulette Greco

Enzo Fuoco

Thomas & Madeline Bullaro Merry Christmas From Thomas & Madeline Bullaro *In Loving Memory of: Michael Colasuonno Vincent & Josephine Bullaro Angelo & Josephine Furnari Margaret & Frank Pollizzi Our Grandparents*  Ruby Toral Merry Christmas From Ruby Toral & Family *In Loving Memory of Jose E. Pelaez* 

Merry Christmas From Kathryn, Christina, Nia & Sage Flores In Loving Memory of Jose E. Pelaez

> Merry Christmas From Martha & Tony Flores In Loving Memory of Jose E. Pelaez

Merry Christmas From Sandra Cardenas & Family *In Loving Memory of Jose E. Pelaez* Merry Christmas From Jose Toral *In Loving Memory of Manuel & Olga Toral* 



Diana Davi Merry Christmas From Diana & Joseph Davi *In Loving Memory of:* 

> Alberto Ronci Mary Ronci Francesco Davi Concetta Davi Tony Davi Dennis Martinelli Harry Stafilias Sarah DeFalco

Mary Varles In Loving Memory of: Frank Varles Erasmo Varles Rosa Varles Ippolito Nicoletta Antonia Nicoletta Anthony Nicoletta

Merry Christmas From Maria & Rosario Purpura In Loving Memory of Purpura & Giacopelli Families Maria Badalamente Lopicolo's Msgr. John Tosi



# Saturday, January 6. 2024 Following the 5:00 PM Mass In The Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

We would like to invite all ministers, committee members, and those who volunteer in any way to join us in for a thank you party for your service to our parish community.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 29th 2023

Name:	 	 	
Ministry: _	 	 	
Phone #:	 	 	
Email:	 	 	

*Epiphany Parish Volunteer Party* 

Number attending:

Please drop off in the collection basket or rectory office by 12/29/23. You can also email the information to stlukewhitestone@aol.com please put Epiphany Party in subject line.



# Week of December 10, 2023

The Spirituality of Advent

# The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



# Our Lady of Guadalupe | Littlest Saints

A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?

Advent Word Study Yakhal: "Hope"

#### Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, well explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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

# RE ROUVAILLE

# Bcause no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?

• Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

# Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is January 19-21, 2024 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

**Catholic** in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

# **ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**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 *shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com*. Meetings are at 10:00 AM on the following dates: Tuesday, December 5th, Thursday, January 11th, Tuesday, February 13th, Tuesday March 19th

**ONE DAY GETAWAY BUS TRIP** -- 12/16 -- Come celebrate a beautiful old fashioned Christmastime day in charming Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Includes some shopping time at the Christkindelmarkt, a delightful lunch, and browsing 'n strolling the festive Main Street. Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara for information - (718) 747-0941. Bring your friends, and make new ones!

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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* 

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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.* 



"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirt." Mark 1:1-8

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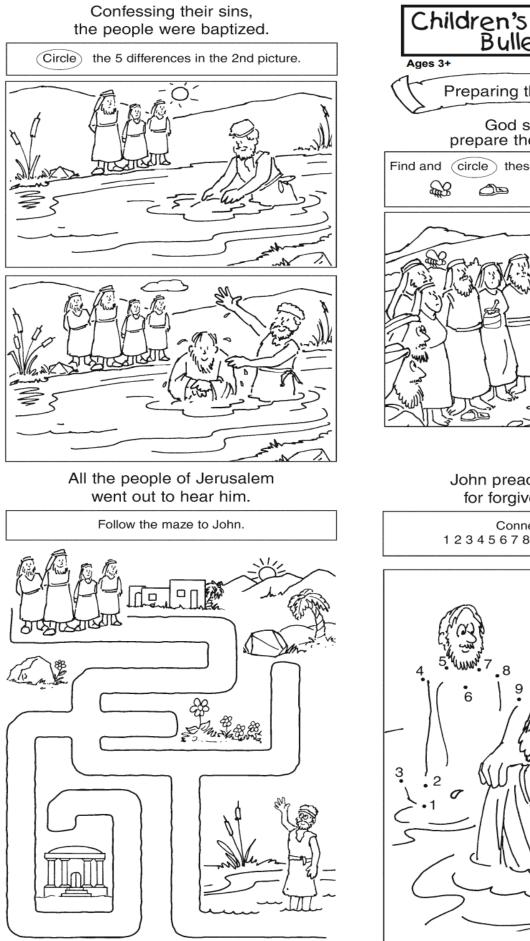
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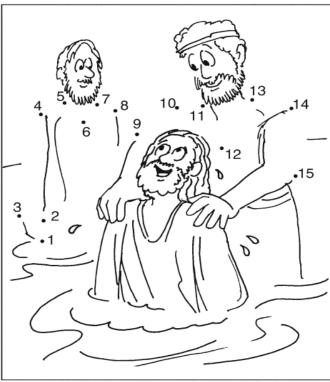
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Children's Worship Bulletin<sup>TM</sup> Ages 3+ December 10, 2023 - Mark 1:1-8 Preparing the Way for Jesus God sent John to prepare the way for Jesus. Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.

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