



ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 17, 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 16 to December 24

Saturday, December 16

8:30 Maria Costanzo
5:00 Rosa & Mike D'Aquila, Angela & Joseph Giglio,
& Leslie Thorsen, Rosaria Battaglia, For the
Intentions of Marie Neldine Sixto

Sunday, December 17

7:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Pasquale, Lillina & Maria Russo,
Luigi Attanasio, Frank Morelli, In Honor of
Santa Lucia, Maria Margherita DeLuca,
Antonio Matrullo, Valeria Matrullo,
Lucio Assaianti, Giusepina &
Marianna Petraglia
10:30 Eva DeGuevara
12:00 Patricia McGlinchey
5:00 Pro Populo

Monday, December 18

12:00 Edward Romanelli, Jr.

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 Maria Costanzo
12:00 Elizabeth Stroetz

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 Antonio Matrullo

Thursday, December 21

8:30 Sr. Margaret Smyth, OP
12:00 Anton, Antonia & Mario Boneta

Friday, December 22

12:00 Antonette Nicolosi

Saturday, December 23

8:30 Philip & Gloria D'Alessio
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Conlon, Ita Conlon,
Gabriella Rose Mazza, Adeline Van Note,
Angela & Joseph Giglio & Leslie Thorsen,
John Paul Savastano

Sunday, December 24

7:30 The Living & Deceased Members of the
Griffin & Woehling Families
9:00 Fr. Fabian Grifone, Innocent Morsa,
Frank Morelli, Rosa Barretta Prainito,
Michael Cipriani, Nancy DiNardo, Rocco &
Teresa Boniello, Defunti Famiglia DeGiorgio,
Defunti Famiglia Salomone
10:30 Purgatorial Society
12:00 The Trotti & Massa Families
4:00 Children's Christmas Mass
6:00 Christmas Mass—Pro Populo
10:00 Christmas Mass at Night

MEMORIALS

For the week of December 17 to December 23



The Altar Bread is given in memory of

Riko Licul

Requested by
Vittorio & Palmira Glavic

The Altar Wine is given in memory of

Salvatore Barretta

Requested by
Antoinette Barretta & Family

The Altar Candles are given in the memory of

Stanley David Zuzic

Requested by
His Mother, Father, Sister & Rudy

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of

Janja Jovic

Requested by
Vinka & Filip Miodic

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

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

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



Tullia Mezzetta
Raffaele Silvestri
Daniel C. Dee

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Dear Friends,

DECEMBER 9/10	
5:00 PM	190
7:30 AM	98
9:00 AM	122
10:30 AM	214
12:00 PM	174
5:00 PM	137
TOTAL	935

Although there are four Sundays of Advent, the season is only three weeks long this year because the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. This third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*. We rejoice because our time of waiting is almost fulfilled. This week we turn to John's Gospel for his perspective on John the Baptist: "*A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.*" As we light the third candle on the Advent wreath this weekend, the light begins to grow as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of *God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.*

Monday, December 18th is **Reconciliation Monday**. Most parishes in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn will have priests available for confession from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 9 PM, but I encourage you to check with any parish to verify their schedule. Included in today's bulletin is the schedule of confessions for parishes in our deanery. Here at St. Luke, we typically provide the opportunity for confession immediately after the noon Mass, and then again in the evening with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Please share the schedule with family members, neighbors, and friends who may wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Christmas. What a great gift to give to ourselves as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus!

Several parishioners have asked about Mass next weekend. We will celebrate Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM, and then Sunday morning at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (Italian), 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM. Later in the afternoon, we will begin our celebration of Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM (a Mass for children with the reenactment of the Nativity scene by the children), 6:00 PM, and at 10:00 PM (this Mass will be preceded by Christmas carols by our choir). On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM (Italian), 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM. You can choose any Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent to fulfill your Sunday obligation, and then any of the Christmas Masses to fulfill your obligation for Mass on the holyday. If you choose to go to an early Mass on the 24th for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and then an afternoon or evening Mass for Christmas, you may receive the Eucharist at both celebrations even though it is the same day. It will be a busy weekend for sure, but I look forward to seeing parishioners, neighbors and friends as we celebrate Christmas this year!

In November, our longtime custodian, Antonino Bongiorno, decided to accept a new opportunity for employment. We are grateful for his years of service to St. Luke, and we wish him all the best in his new endeavors. Earlier this month, Damian Scardamaglia, a parishioner, and the husband of Lisa Scardamaglia, who works with Sr. Katherine in the religious education office, began working as our new custodian. Damian has a long history with our parish and has coordinated many volunteer efforts as a parishioner and with the Knights of Columbus over the years. We welcome him in his new role as parish custodian!

With love and prayers,
Fr. John Costello

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

<p>SUNDAY December 17 <i>Third Sunday Of Advent Gaudete Sunday</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass</p>
<p>MONDAY December 18 <i>Reconciliation Monday</i></p>	<p>Noon 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Confession Confession, Exposition at 6PM & Benediction at 9PM</p>
<p>TUESDAY December 19</p>	<p>8:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass Mass Advent Faith Sharing Youth Choir Practice Charismatic Prayer Group</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY December 20</p>	<p>Noon 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Adult Choir Practice</p>
<p>THURSDAY December 21 <i>St, Peter Canisius</i></p>	<p>8:30 AM Noon 1:00 PM 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass Mass Golden Age Group Meeting Italian Charismatic Prayer Group</p>
<p>FRIDAY December 22</p>	<p>Noon 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Mass AA</p>
<p>SATURDAY December 23 <i>St, John of Kanty</i></p>	<p>8:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Confessions Mass</p>
<p>SUNDAY December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Christmas Mass Christmas Mass Christmas Carols Mass During the Night</p>



**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!**

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS
PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRIST

RECONCILIATION *Monday*

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



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.



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OF NEW YORK



DIocese OF
BROOKLYN
SERVING BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

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

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 PM Children’s Christmas Mass
6:00 PM Christmas Mass
9:30 PM Christmas Carols
10:00 PM Mass At Night

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.*

Christmas & New Year Rectory Office Hour's

Thursday & Friday Dec. 21st & 22nd
9:00 AM – Noon

Saturday, Dec. 23rd
9:00 AM – Noon

Sunday & Monday Dec. 24th & 25th
Office Closed

Regular office hours:

Tuesday thru Friday, Dec. 26th – Dec. 29th
9:00AM till 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM till 5:00 PM



Saturday, December 30th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 31st & Monday, January 1st Office Closed

Regular office hours start again on Tuesday, January 2nd
9:00AM till 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM till 5:00 PM



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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

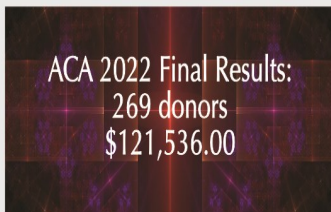
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Thank you to the most recent donors to the Annual Catholic Appeal!

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Domenech
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Liggieri
Ms. Annamarie McCutchen



247 total donors
\$117,800 in pledges
117% of goal
\$477 average gift



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



2024 Announced Masses & Memorials

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

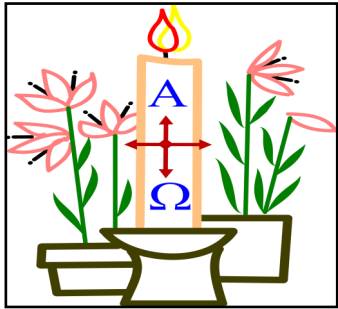
Name _____

Number of Memorials: _____

Phone _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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.



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"

Sunday Collection

December 10, 2023

Parish Collection

\$10,909

Immaculate Conception Collection

\$3,240

Religious Retirement Fund (11/26/23)

\$1,962

*Thank You For Giving From
Your Heart* ♥



**Low Gluten Hosts
Are Available**

**Please come to the sacristy
before Mass so a Host can
be consecrated for you
during Mass.**

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS
PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRIST

RECONCILIATION
Monday

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



Holy Trinity
3-5 pm; 7-9 pm
English

Mary's Nativity
12-1 pm
English & Spanish

St. Ann
5-7 pm
English & Tagalog

St. Andrew Avellino
2-4 pm; 6-9 pm
English & Spanish

St. Fidelis
2-4 pm; 6-9 pm
English, Spanish,
Tagalog, Urdu

St. John Vianney
10 am-12 pm; 4-7 pm
Chinese, English, Spanish,
Vietnamese

St. Luke
12:30-2 pm
English & Italian
6-9 pm
English

St. Mel
2-5 pm; 7-9 pm
English, Italian, Spanish

St. Michael
10 am-12 pm
1-3 pm; 6-9 pm
Chinese, English, Spanish,
Vietnamese

St. Paul Chong HaSang
TUESDAY, DEC. 12
10 am-12 pm
7:30-9 pm
English, Korean

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

**Please note there are special
Christmas & New Year's
Rectory Office Hours
for the coming few weeks.**

Please see page 5 of the bulletin for details.



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 _____

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

ADVENT

Faith Sharing

Sr. Theresa and Mary Polini have been offering the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the Gospels of the four Sunday of Advent.

The group meets on Tuesday after the 12:00 Noon Mass in Church

FINAL SESSION THIS Tuesday December 19th

Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore the Gospel.

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.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

We are grateful for your generous response! Thank you for helping us light our beautiful Christmas

<p>Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rossini <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Anthony Rossini & all the Paolini Family</i> <i>Vittorio & Giuseppina Rossini</i> & <i>All the Cecchetti Family</i></p>	<p>Janet & Michael Smith <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Eileen & Thomas Murphy</i> <i>Helen & Robert Smith</i> <i>Theresa & Patrick Murphy</i> & <i>Mathew Horan & Luke Meyveci</i></p>	<p>DePass Family <i>Merry Christmas From The DePass Family</i> <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Clive Depass</i> & <i>Joseph E. DePass</i></p>
<p>Sheila Ring <i>Merry Christmas From Sheila Ring</i> <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Sheila McCabe</i> <i>Rita D. Riordan</i></p>	<p>Anne Nolan <i>Merry Christmas From The Bereavement Group</i> To <i>Sr. Theresa with love & thanks</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Patrick Nolan</i> <i>Happy 16th Anniversary in Heaven</i> <i>We miss you!</i> <i>With Love Anne & Family</i></p>
<p>Carmela Cerasuolo <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Mr. Carmine Ruzzo</i> <i>Mrs. Filomena Rizzo</i> <i>Mr. Mario Cerasuolo</i> <i>Mr. Angelo Cerasuolo</i> <i>Mrs. Felice Cerasuolo</i> <i>Mr. Mario Polito</i></p> 	<p>Deirdre Zuccarello <i>Merry Christmas From Peter & Deirdre Zuccarello And Sons</i> <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Giuseppe Zuccarello</i> <i>Luigi Romano</i> <i>Msgr. John C. Tosi</i> <i>Rosa Romano</i> <i>Pietro Zuccarello</i> <i>Maddalena Zuccarello</i> <i>Julie Fleming</i> <i>Ellen Ring</i> <i>Denis Ring</i> <i>David Fleming</i> <i>Sheila McCabe</i></p>	<p>Jo & Nick Pantaleo <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Rose & Leonardo Pantaleo</i> <i>Gelsy & Rosario Fusco</i> <i>Nicholas Luke I</i> <i>Frank Fusco</i> <i>Christopher Pantaleo</i></p> 
<p>Frank & Jeanine Nuccio <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Antonino Nuccio</i> <i>Giuseppa Nuccio</i></p>	<p>Mr. & Mrs. Jack Franceschetti <i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>Tito D'Urso</i> <i>Pia Franceschetti</i> <i>Dominick Franceschetti</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i> <i>The Durante Family</i> <i>Anthony Esposito</i></p>

CELEBRATING MSGR. JOHN J. STRYNKOWSKI

On Sunday, December 10th, 2023 we were able to celebrate and honor Msgr. Strynkowski on the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. While Msgr. Strynkowski retired a few years back, he has been an invaluable member of our parish community for many years celebrating Mass here for us on weekends.

Joining St. Luke parishioners to honor Msgr. were Bishop Brennan and Bishop Massa.



Thank you Msgr. Strynkowski



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

We would like to invite all adult 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: _____

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. **Sorry, this event is for adults only.**



*Epiphany
Parish
Volunteer Party*

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:
January 6th, 2024
February 10th, 2024
April 20, 2024

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

RETRouvaille HelpOurMarriage.org A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because 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.

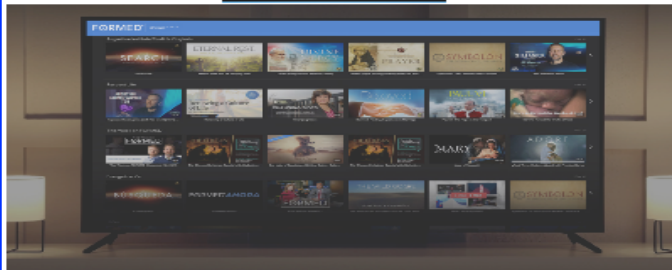
Our Next Weekend is
January 19-21, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington
To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org

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.

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There are thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries and more for both adults and children - content not available anywhere else, and new content added every day for you to enjoy.

We invite our parishioners to join FORMED for FREE!

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter "St.Luke 11357" and select our parish from the list
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Then start to enjoy FORMED!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 17, 2023

Advent Word Study Agape: "Love"



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.



Saint Luke's Purgatorial Society

Enrollment Mass cards for your deceased relatives and friends may be purchased in the Rectory Office and at Gleason's Funeral Home. The enrollment is for one year from the date of enrollment. Mass is celebrated at one 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 that month in the Society (from the previous month) will be published in the bulletin.

The following deceased were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society during the month of November 2023.

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|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Guadalupe Acevedo | James J. Galvin | Anita Marinelli |
| Antonio Ariola | Marleny Jimenez | Raffaella Natale |
| Luigi Basileo | Kathleen Kelly | Tomazo Picinic |
| Rosaria Battaglia | George M. Kurth | Lorraine Ragonese |
| Gregory Brown, Sr. | Antonio Lalicata | Fred Santucci |
| Esperanza Mourelos | Riko Licul | Gregory Schmitt |
| Carballo | Rosaria Lipari | Wendy So |
| Ricard Pequeno Casais | Dominic LoBasso | William Viewig |
| Biagio Joseph Ciardulli | | Michael Vitelli |
| Rory Domitrovits | | |



Sacramental Celebrations in November 2023

*In addition to the many Masses celebrated and the many other acts of prayer and worship to our God, here at St. Luke we celebrated as a parish community:
7 Baptisms, 2 Weddings and 10 Funerals*

Congratulations to the couples who received the Sacrament of Marriage in our Parish during November:

Gabriella Giovanna Bordenca & Kevin Vincent Campbell
Elizabeth Anne Wurtz & Sean Patrick Moran



Please keep these couples in your prayers as they begin their life together.

Congratulations to the parents of the following children who were received into the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism in November:



- Adrian Helio Campos
- Antonia Vincenza Lisanti
- Antonietta Angela Mattice
- Leo Almeida Nunez
- Helena Antonietta Pastoressa
- Isabelle BaiJia Tsao
- Amelia Grace Valentin

May God bless them abundantly as they begin to guide their children in the ways of Faith.

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month who all demonstrated "Responsibility."



Nursery: Joseph Petroglia
 Pre-K: Mateo Montanes
 K-1: Nico Lombardozzi
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 1-2: Valentina Vittorino
 2-1: Charles Priolo
 2-2: Giavanna Venier
 3-1: Elias Theuma
 3-2: Joseph Diminich

4-1: Alick Chen
 4-2: John Larkin
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 5-2: Mateja Vukosa
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Dear Rev. Costello,

The following students from your parish have merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the first quarter of the current school year at St. Francis Preparatory School. These students have received an average of 90% or above to achieve Honor Roll status.

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Amato, Anthony
Amato, Julianna
Amorelli, Alessandra
Amorelli, Salvatore
Aranda, Hailey
Barone, Victoria
Barreca, Jaylyn
Barretta, Giuliana
Becker, Kerry
Bonaventura, Gianna
Buntic, Jozo
Caliendo, Giuliana
Caliendo, Sofia
Caliendo, Valentina
Caroleo, Sofia
Carpinelli, Angelina
Cecchetti, Aiden
Civitano, Vincent
Conzatti, Alyssa
Costanza, Nicholas
Criado, Lucas
Deluca, Jennifer
Delvecchio, Ella
Diamond, Aidan
Dicorato, Liana
Dicorato, Michael
Diep, Vivian**

**DiFilippi, Anthony
Digiorgi, Joseph
Dimaggio, Thomas
Dimambro, Alexa
Dimaria, Lucia
Diminich, Brianna
Donofrio, Dylan
Donofrio, Philip
Eagle, Amelia
Espinoza, Michael
Falzone, Leah
Farrell, Isabella
Fonseca, Nicolas
Gaito, Angelica
Galia, Isabella
Galia, Sofia
Gomes, Joseph
Gomez, Madison
Graci, Salvatore
Heslop, Matthew
Hillig, Jackson
Holdorf, Michael
Keller, Joseph
Kimmel, Vita
King, John
Komansky, Emanuela
Lanzellotto, Giana
LaPenna, Beckham
Lentini, Michael
Lercara, Mia**

**Lettera, Frank
Marrone, Amalia
Mazzara, Isabella
McElligott, Ryan
McNamara, Jacob
Melendez, Julian
Melone, Luca
Mongui, Sophia
Muellers, Hayden
Muzzatti, Mia
Natale, Sara
Neos, Emma
Neos, Gabriella
Neos, Olivia
Norris, Ava
Norris, Luke
Picone, Francesca
Pizzurro, Ryan
Prettitore, Alexandra
Prettitore, Isabella
Reiman, Julianna
Reiman, Thomas
Ronacher, Mia
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Ruffini, Steven
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Sciarrillo, Isabella
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Velaoras, Thomas
Vene, Sophia
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We are pleased to share this information with your parish members.

Sincerely,

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 Principal

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John 1:6-8, 19-28

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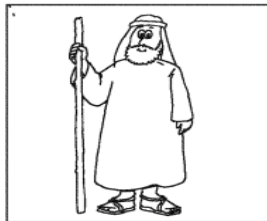
John said that Jesus would come after him.

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.



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John the Baptizer

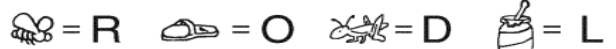
John the Baptist was sent to tell about Jesus.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13



He answered, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the Christ."

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John said,
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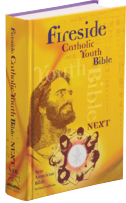
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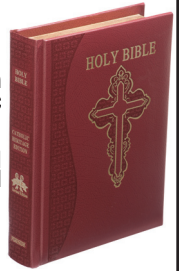


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