

# ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Ferenth Sunday of Easter JUNE 1, 2025

> SUNDAY HOLY MASSES Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 7:30am, 9am (Italian), 10:30am,12 Noon, 5:00pm DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 12 Noon + Saturday 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
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. Order of Christian Initiation (O.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

Saturday, May 31 8:30 Damiano Scardamaglia

12:00 Collective Mass

**5:00** Frank Morelli, Francis Xavier Bau Nguyen

## Sunday, June 1

- 7:30 Pro Populo
- 9:00 Salvatore, Antonio, Marianna & Giuseppe D'Amico, Maria & Margherita DeLuca, Vita Pellerito, Pasquale DiPietrantonio, Benito Polito
- **10:30** In Memory of St. Jude
- 12:00 Ellen & George Paul
- **5:00** Purgatorial Society

### Monday, June 2

**12:00** Esperanza de Rodriquez (Anniversary)

Tuesday, June 38:30 James Peacock12:00 Biagio, Rose & Jeanette German

Wednesday, June 4 12:00 Joseph Trotta & John DeRespires

#### **Thursday**, June 5

8:30 Deceased Members of the Goggin & English Families
12:00 Ana & Frane Zulic

#### Friday, June 6

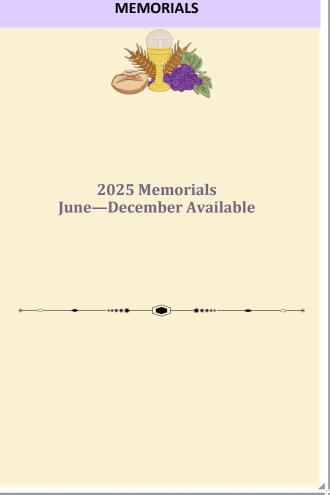
- 8:30 Deceased Members of the McCabe & McGuinness Families
- 12:00 Renata Orasken & Family

### Saturday, June 7

- 8:30 Joseph Bonetta
- 5:00 Frank Morelli, Dore & Lynch Families, Ivan Grgas, Brian Go, Laszlo Keszthelyi, John Martinelli, Bro. Francis I. Offer, Bro. Edward O'Connor, Bro. John Driscoll, Bro. Robert Novack, Bro. Joseph Lipps, Rev. Donald Driscoll, Gjustina Rakaj - Dreshak (Birthday)

## Sunday, June 8

- 7:30 Pro Populo
- 9:00 Salvatore, Antonio, Marianna & Giuseppe D'Amico, Maria & Margherita DeLuca, Rocco Boniello, Casabianca Giuseppe, Gaetano Palermo, Alfonso Romano
- **10:30** Connie Peacock
- **12:00** Mihorel Rucando
- **5:00** Purgatorial Society



#### Pray for the Sick Members of Our Parish

LORRAINE ALLESI ANTHONY BALDO SELENE BELESIS EDWARD BLAKLEY MARY BRETT JOHN ANTHONY BURKE ANN CALLAHAN EVA DAMIANO GRACE DAVIS NOREEN DONOHER LOUISA DUME CAROLLYNN FREDA ROSA GALEJ ROSANNA GUMIEL MARY IEMMA SR. MARY HELENE JAKUBOWSKI, RSM MADELINE KARLITZ LILY MORALES KATHLEEN O'CONNELL WANDA PRESTIFILIPPO GIUSEPPE RAELLE NEIL RUIZ JOSE MANUEL SILVA CAROLINE SAPORITO MARIANNA TOTINO MARY VARLESE JOSEPH T. VERNICE MILLIE WEIGL LEONARDA ZUCCARELLO

## Pray for the Deceased Members of Our Parish



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

| May 25, 2025 |     |
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| 5:00 PM      | 135 |
| 7:30 AM      | 62  |
| 9:00 AM      | 57  |
| 10:30 AM     | 143 |
| 12:00 PM     | 152 |
| 5:00 PM      | 103 |
| TOTAL        | 652 |

This is the last week of the Easter Season. Forty days brought us to Ascension Thursday, and we are now in the midst of the final ten days before Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit! Veni Sancte Spiritus! The whole Church prays in a special way for a renewal of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. The promised Counselor remains with the Church always, which means that each and every one of us are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and so we call upon the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord to help us as we humbly serve God and one another.

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of Saint Stephen, the first martyr. We celebrate his feast day on the day after Christmas every year. The first thing to note is that Stephen is filled with the Spirit. Like the apostles and the other disciples, Stephen is strengthened to give witness to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. The crowd rushes after him, leads him out of the city, and begins to stone him to death. He calls out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Just before his death, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," which reminds us of the words of Jesus before He died on the cross. There is an expression: the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. The seeds that Stephen planted with his blood two millennia ago continue to be joined by seeds of Christian martyrs in our own day. Just like we remember and honor the sacrifices made by our fellow Americans on Memorial Day, every day we have the opportunity to remember and honor the example and witness of the holy martyrs, who inspire us to be faithful disciples of the Lord.

As I write this the weather forecast is mixed for the Carnival, but I hope that overall it will be a successful and fun event for our community. I am grateful to Sabato Daniele, Jennifer Daniele, and a host of assistants and volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes in the weeks before the Carnival to make sure that everything would come together for a great parish celebration. Of course, we can't help but think of Sal Colak and Msgr. Tosi as the Carnival returns this year. Their love and support of St. Luke are fondly remembered as we enjoy these days. God bless St. Luke Parish!

As you know, Deacon Callistus Ibeh and Deacon Juan Herrera will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Brooklyn on Saturday, June 28th. Many parishioners have been invited to the ordination, so we will rent a school bus to make transportation to the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph easier for those who were invited to attend. Since there are seven men to be ordained this year, the diocese is concerned that invited guests will be accommodated inside the Co-Cathedral. Of course, the ordination will be broadcast live on NET TV, and Fr. Callistus Ibeh will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Luke on Sunday, June 29th. Hopefully we can also arrange for Fr. Juan Herrera to celebrate a Mass here at St. Luke, too. In the meantime, let's keep all those to be ordained in our prayers, that God will bless them abundantly as they prepare to serve as priests in Brooklyn and Queens.

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

| WEEKLY SCHEDULE<br>Prayer Groups, Meetings and Parish Events                            |   |  |
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| Fo<br>SUNDAY<br>June 1<br>Seventh Sunday of<br>Easter                                   | r Mass Schedule see Page 2<br>**ST. LUKE CARNIVAL** 2-10pm                                      |  |
| MONDAY<br>June 2<br>Easter Weekday  | 7:00 PM Community Board Meeting   |  |
| TUESDAY<br>June 3<br>Easter Weekday<br>St. Charles Lwanga<br>and Companions,<br>Martyrs | 6:00 PM Bereavement Group<br>6:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group<br>7:30 PM Padre Pio Prayer Group |  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>June 4<br>Easter Weekday   | 7:30 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Sunday Scripture Sharing                              |  |
| THURSDAY<br>June 5<br>Easter Weekday<br>St. Boniface, Bishop<br>and Martyr              | 1:00 PM Golden Age<br>6:45 PM Italian Charismatic Prayer Group                                  |  |
| FRIDAY<br>June 6<br>Easter Weekday  | 3:00 PM Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM Boy Scouts   |  |
| SATURDAY<br>June 7<br>Easter Weekday  | 7:00 PM Murder Mystery Dinner   |  |
| SUNDAY<br>June 8<br>Pentecost Sunday  | St. Luke School YARD SALE & FARMSTAND 10-3pm  |  |



Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes.

2025 Memorials

June—December Available The following memorials are available each week for a \$50 offering:

ALTAR BREAD SANCTUARY LAMP

**ALTAR WINE** ALTAR CANDLES

A memorial with an arrangement of **ALTAR FLOWERS** is available weekly with an offering of \$100.

## Low Gluten Hosts Are Available

Please come to the sacristy before Mass so it can be set up for you and then consecrated during the mass.



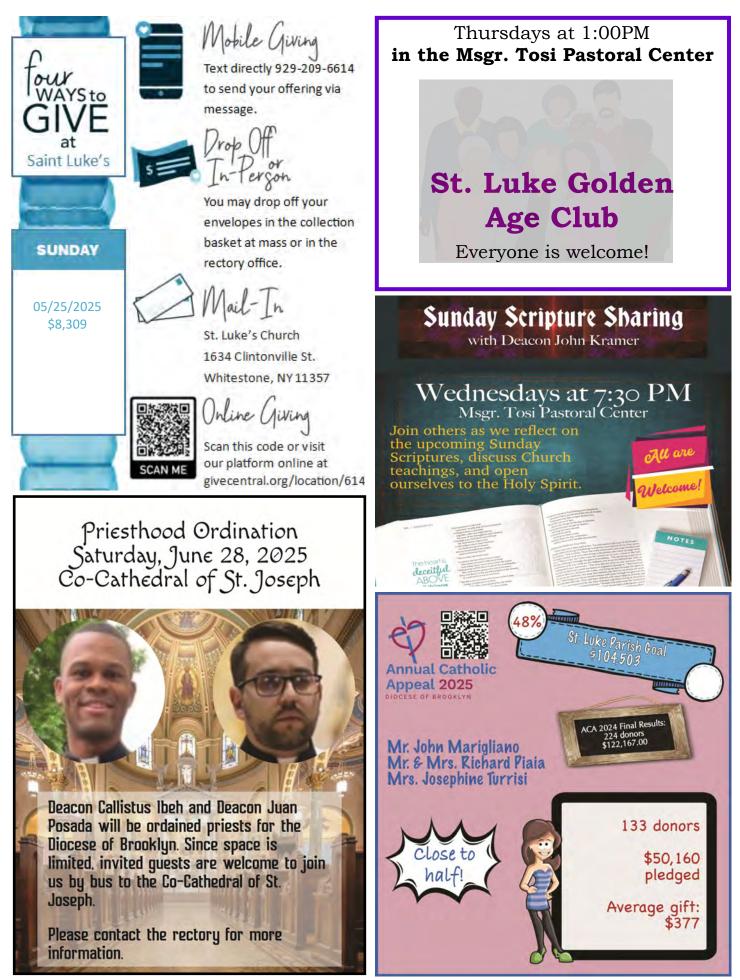
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Collective Intentions Mass

Several times a year we celebrate a Collective Intentions Mass, on a Saturday at Noon, for parishioners to have the opportunity to remember their loved ones. We celebrate these to memorialize the special anniversaries of our loved one's passing. Our organist and cantor are there to help lead and accompany our celebration.

This May 31st we remember:

**Raymond** Arel María & Gemma Matrullo Jane & Leonard Cazzorla (50th Anniversary) Edgardo Písarro Margheríta Colella Míele Francís Xavíer Bau Nguyen







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## St. Luke Murder Mystery Dinner



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Buffet dinner, coffee, tea & cookies. Beer, wine & soda for purchase. A little music ... A little mystery ... And lots of FUN! Don't Miss A Killer Evening ... Saturday Night - June 7th 2025 - at 7PM Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center Murder Mystery Night At The 50's Prom!

> Come dressed for the 50's Prom! You might just win a little something! \$70.00 Per person (21 and over only)

You never know what will happen at the prom! You might be a suspect, or a witness or our murderer! But even if you just come for the laughs - it promises to be a killer of a night!

Reservations in advance only --- sorry no purchase at the door. All sales must be in by: Monday, June 2nd (all sales are final)



Please return the form below with your check made out St. Luke for \$70 (add Murder Mystery to the memo area) please return it to the rectory by 6/2/25 Or use the QR Code below to register and pay by credit card. (If using the online option, no need to fill out this form.)

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets : \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying for the following people, plus myself:

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I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_\_at the event

To make your reservation online and pay with your credit card - please use this QR code or visit ... www.givecentral.org/Murder-Mystery-Web



**St. Luke School of Religion and St. Luke School** wishes to congratulate the young men and women who prepared for and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 10 as well as their Catechists and Religion Teachers.



"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

St. Ambrose 3



St. Luke School & Parish Invites You To Its 1st

# SPRING FARMSTAND & YARD SALE

## Sunday, June 8th 10 AM -3 PM (Rain or Shine)

Featuring fresh, locally-grown produce, like Strawberries, Broccolini, Lettuce, Kale, Honey. in addition to other artisanal goods grown

by:

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# <u>Special Guest</u>: The Historic Queens County Farm of Little Neck, NY

The Historic Queens County Farm of Little

**Neck** will promote this event on its social media pages & Farm store.

We invite you to take this opportunity to display your items for sale! Register by May 16th. To reserve your table, return this form with \$60 payment to the school office or St.

> Luke Rectory. Name of Participant:



For more information contact Samantha Ameno 646-671-1452

The Farmstand/Yard Sale will be in the parking lot across the street from St. Luke's School, 16-01 150th Pl., Whitestone, NY



## FREE FOOD, WARM CLOTHING. & **TOILETRIES TO ALL IN NEED!!** SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

9:00 AM - AS LONG AS SUPPLIES LAST The corner of 14th Ave. and College Point Boulevard in College Point, directly across from the Poppenhusen Library





## Wednesday, June 25th 6:40pm

Get ready to experience the thrill of a Brooklyn Cyclones game and Catholic Schools Night!

- School pre-game parade/ performance
- · Collars vs. Scholars
- Valedictorians and Salutatorians will be honored pregame

• Free hat with ticket



# Msgr. Gosi Scholarship Fund



Since Monsignor Tosi's death in May 2020, a Scholarship Fund was established to help students from St. Luke to pursue their high school education in a Catholic high school.

We are accepting contributions to the fund so that we can continue to honor Monsignor Tosi's memory and dedication to Catholic education.

Please contact the rectory.





St. Luke School



https://www.gofevo.com/event/Saintlukeschool

# Cypress Hills Cemetery Run Through History in honor of Fallen NYPD Detective Peter Figoski All proceeds to benefit:

Sunday, June 22, 2025 9am Start Time

(pre-registration \$35 plus fees) includes official race t-shirt or tank RunSignUp: Cypress Hills 5k 833 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208

For more information: 718-277-2900

St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children

PBA Widow's and Children's Fund



# St. Luke Religious Education Program Register Now for 2025/2026 School Year

Registration Forms for **New** students and **Returning** students can be found on our Parish Website <u>stlukewhitestone.org</u>. Click on the box marked Religious Education and download the forms.

\* Mail the completed form/s with the registration fee to:

St. Luke School of Religion 16-34 Clintonville Street Whitestone, NY 11357

Or place it in a sealed envelope marked <u>Attention: St. Luke School of Religion</u> and drop it in the black metal mail box located on the wall between the outer and inner Rectory front doors.

\* For all new students, please include child's baptismal certificate.

In-person registration will be held in the school building at the following times:

Sunday, June 1 - 10- 11:30 am Tuesday, June 3 – 3:30-5:30 pm Thursday, June 5 - 3:30- 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 11- 3:30- 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 18- 3:30- 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 25 3:30- 5:30 pm

If you have any questions,

please contact the Religious Education Office at (718) 746-3409 or email us at <u>saintlukered@yahoo.com</u> and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

# THANK YOU

## For Feeding God's People!

The **St. Luke Youth Group** would like to thank everyone who donated to the collection we took up for the St. Michael's kitchen. With your generosity, we raised \$3,000 to help feed some of God's people who are experiencing a rough time. The volunteers at St. Michael's were thrilled to have our members there assisting them, and are so very thankful to all of you for your support and prayers.



## Below are some of the thoughts from our students on their experience that day ...

I had the opportunity to go to St. Michael's and help out in the kitchen. First, we prepared trays of hot food on an assembly line. The meals were then bagged up with a few other items and ready to be handed out. All 90 or so meals were handed out to members of the community that are in need. Mothers showed up with their children as did some elderly people and young people too.

I felt honored that I was able to help prepare these meals and put a smile on people's faces. One of the special parts of the day is when we prayed before the meals were handed out. Today taught me to appreciate everything I have and most importantly not take what I have for granted. -R. H.





St. Michaels has provided me with the opportunity to serve those in need by feeding them, and this has really opened my eyes. What at first looked like a simple service opportunity of meal distribution turned out to be much more a lesson in empathy and respect. The people who came to pick up the meals were not only hungry but starved for good treatment, and proper recognition. Their faces reminded me about how much we ignore how much poverty also constitutes a lack of acknowledgement and resources. At St Michaels, we were not simply providing food but giving out appreciation and acceptance to provide a safe space. -S.S.



Today was a day that I will not forget for many years to come. We all got together early in the morning, not for a party or anything to celebrate, but to do something that truly mattered: we prepared and served a meal for the homeless. At first I didn't know what to expect. I wondered if it would feel uncomfortable, or maybe even overwhelming. But the moment we started working stirring pots, arranging plates, I felt a quiet sense of purpose settle over all of us. It wasn't just about the food. It was about the care that went into every meal, the smiles we hoped to spark and the dignity we wanted to restore.

-A.S.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to help feed the hungry. It was very touching for me to be able to hand people their food and see their smiles. I hope to be able to go back with my family to help out more because I saw how important it is to these people that St. Michael's is there for them. My family and I are going to continue to pray for those in need and do what we can do to make their lives better in small ways. -N.P.

My experience at St. Michael's food kitchen was great. It was fun to all work as a team and to put bags of food together for the less fortunate. It was nice to see the smiles of the people when they received their food.

- L.C.



## Community Bulletin Board

**Special Needs Parent 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. Next Meeting is at 10 AM Tuesday: Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6, and June 10 For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at Shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com.

**ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIP** -- 6/7 -- Southampton Summer Kick-Off Tour takes us on a potpourri day of fun, relaxation, adventure, lunching 'n shopping. Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941. Come along, and meet some new friends!

## ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

**Center for Psychological Services** 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 only, no insurances. Please call (718) 990-1900 for information.

**Speech & Hearing Aid Center** will be offering <u>FREE</u> "Hearing Aid Help", and <u>FREE</u> Speech and Hearing screenings at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. Please call (718)-990-6480

**Youth Ministry Workshop**—EQ Saints is having a special webinar for youth ministers titled: "How to Equip Parents to Disciple Their Children" It will take place on June 3rd, from 2:00-3:15pm. We hope you can make it! The link to register is *www.eqsaints.com/eqparents-webinar* 

## **Queens Compost Giveback Site**

77-28 19th Ave, Astoria, NY **April 23 – September 27, 2025** on W**ednesdays:** 5 PM – 7 PM **Saturdays:** 8 AM – 10 AM

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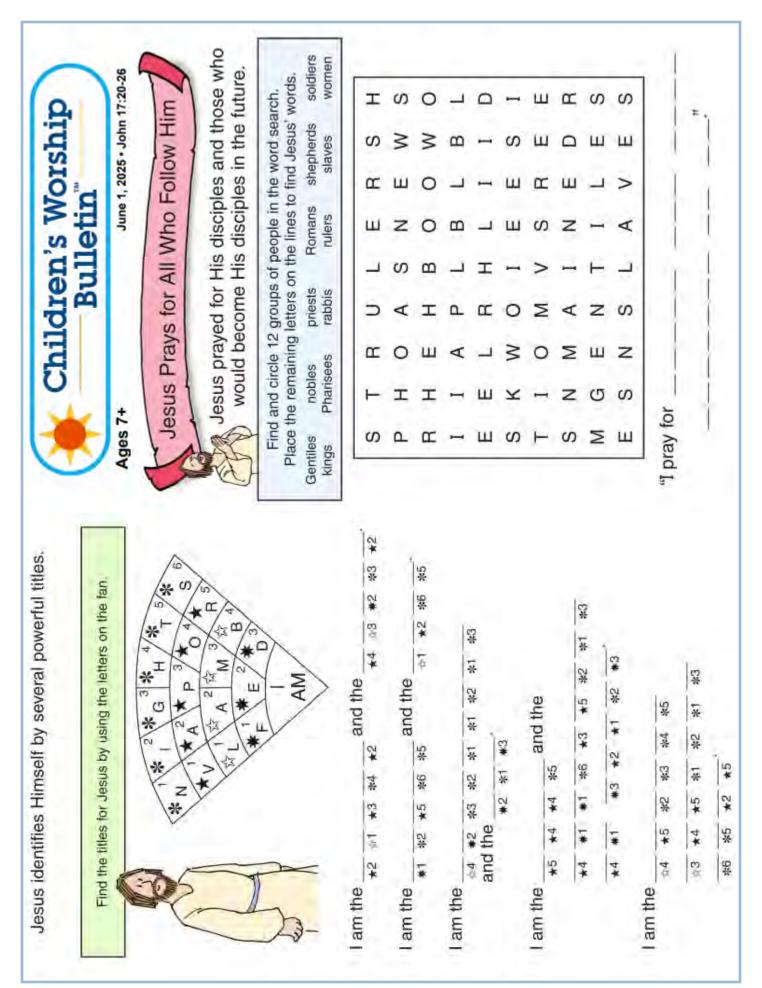
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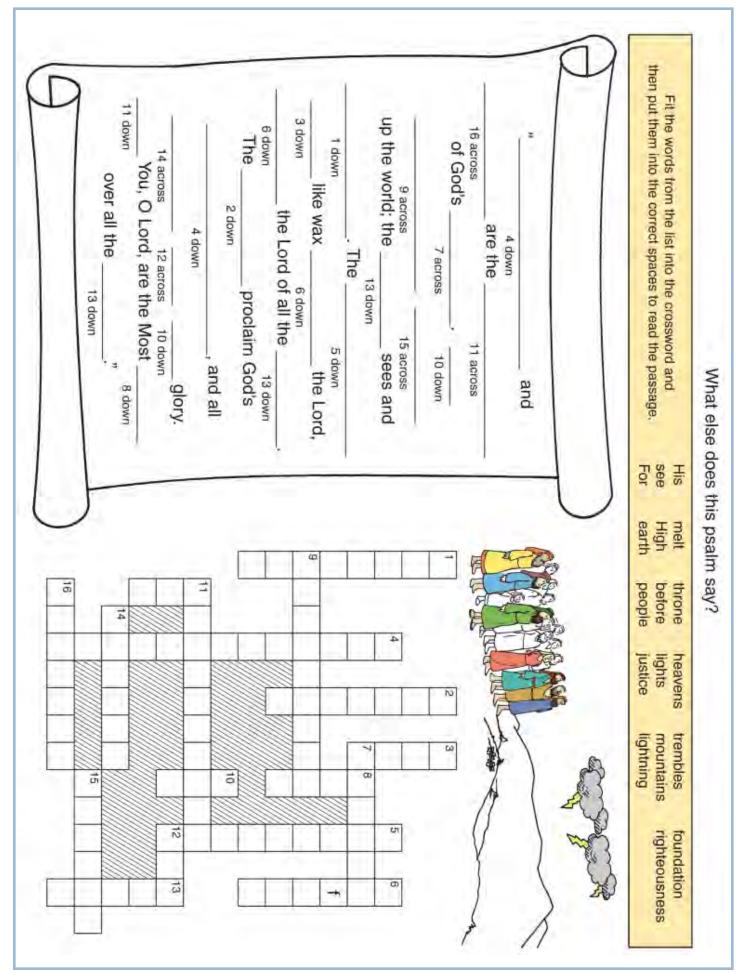


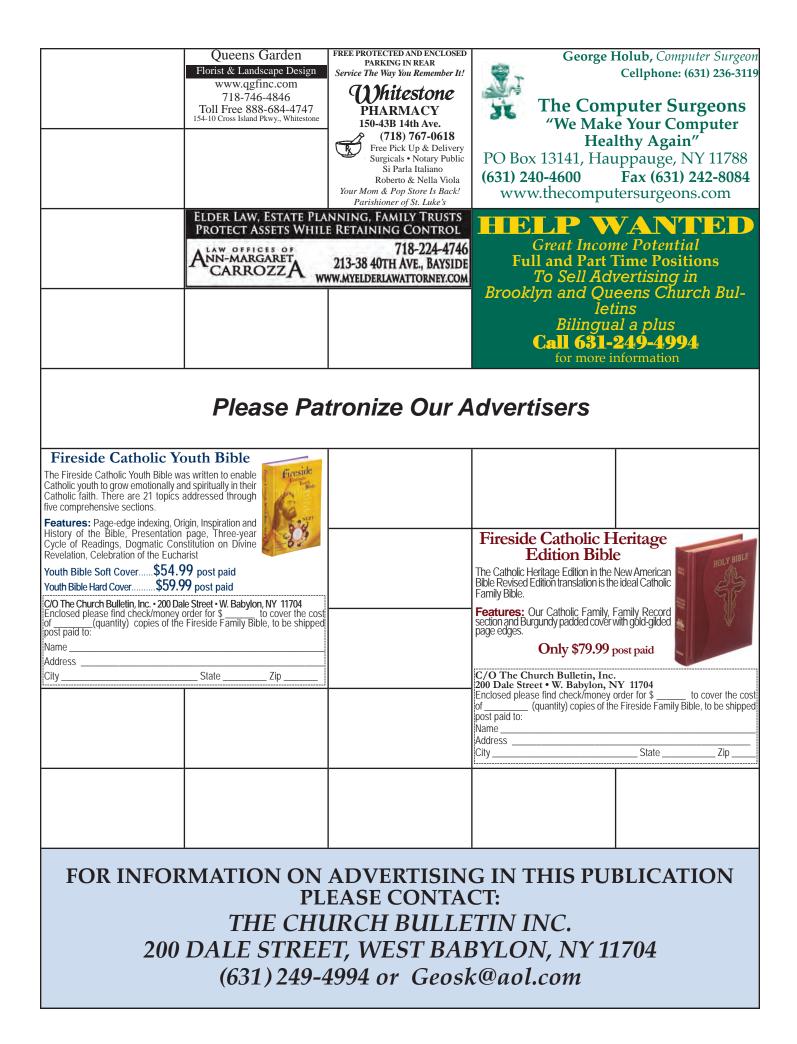
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