



# ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 24, 2025

### SUNDAY HOLY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm | Sunday 8:30am (Italian/English), 10:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

### 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,  
Rev. William F. Krlis and Patrice Legoute, Seminarian

**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

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.

**Confessions** Saturday 3:15PM - 4:15PM, or by appointment or when requested.

**First Friday** - additional 8:30AM Mass when school is in session.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Available First Fridays after Noon Mass with Benediction at 2:00PM and Saturdays 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM with confessions and Benediction.

#### 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 6:45 PM.

**The Italian Charismatic Prayer Group** meets Thursdays at 6:45 PM.

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

#### 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 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](http://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.

**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, August 23

8:30 PietroPaolo

4:30 Pro Populo & Purgatorial Society

### Sunday, August 24

8:30 Michael & Carmine Bichetti, Ralph Spiezia Sr., Robert Micic, Lenny Prestia, Giuseppe Olari, Maria Morelli, Joseph Anthony Pulido Balaguer

10:30 Salvatore D'Amico

12:30 Ante Lucin

### Monday, August 25

12:00 Michael Joseph Connell

### Tuesday, August 26

12:00 Fernando Rodriguez

### Wednesday, August 27

12:00 Elizabeth Sitzman

### Thursday, August 28

12:00 Bridget McCabe

### Friday, August 29

12:00 Deborah & Michael O'Connor

### Saturday, August 30

8:30 Joseph Berardi

4:30 Pro Populo & Purgatorial Society

### Sunday, August 31

8:30 Joseph Berardi, Francesca Cicio & Angioletti, Francesco Giuliano, Carmelo Laspina, Antonio Intili

10:30 Patrick Nolan

12:30 Paolo Rauzi

## MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is given in memory of Deborah & Michael P. O'Connor on their Birthdays

Requested by  
The O'Connor Family

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Anthony and Mary Iemma

Requested by  
their Children and Grandchildren

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of Phylis Fanelli & James Funari

Requested by  
The Michael P. O'Connor Family

The Altar Candles are given in memory of Frank Morelli

Requested by  
Claudia Morelli

**2025 Memorials Still Available**

### Pray for the Sick Members of Our Parish

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

### Pray for the Deceased Members of Our Parish



*Barbara Ann Liggio  
Frederick A. Hensel*

Dear Friends,

August 17, 2025	
4:30 PM	159
8:30 AM	156
10:30 AM	173
12:30 AM	186
4:30 PM	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>674</b>

Here it is ... the final full week of August ... the last week before Labor Day! I hope and pray that everyone has had a restful summer, and that we are ready to return to the regular routines of life in our homes and in our parish. Many young people of our community have already left for college. Others are rushing to finish their summer assignments before returning to high school. The younger ones are choosing backpacks and other supplies to share their personalities and style to their classmates. Faculty and staff are enjoying their last moments of freedom as they plan for the first days of school. We have about ½ of our classrooms “adopted” with donations from parishioners to show love and support to the teachers of St. Luke School. Thank you for your generosity! There’s still time to help!

I am including in the bulletin this weekend a “final” report for the Carnival. Once again, I want to take the opportunity to thank Sabato Daniele for all he did to make the Carnival take place and be such a great success. John Dierks worked closely alongside Sabato, and Damian Scardamaglia was on site to oversee the event day-to-day. In addition, the rest of the committee and a host of volunteers – including many parents from St. Luke School – did an extraordinary job to create a welcoming, clean and fun environment for all who walked through the gates to join us. Since both the parish and the school can certainly benefit from financial assistance from the Carnival profits, we will split the proceeds evenly between both the school and the parish. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Last year I presented a program called That Man Is You as a possible option for men in our community to grow spiritually and fraternally. We missed the deadline last fall, so I asked the Knights of Columbus, under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Joe Brintle, to see if we can begin the program this fall. I am happy to announce that St. Luke Parish will begin hosting That Man Is You next month. More information will be provided in the bulletin, and I hope that we can extend the opportunity to men in other local Catholic parishes to join us. I pray that by offering this opportunity for faith enrichment for men, both our parish families and our faith community will be blessed in abundant ways. Studies show that when particularly fathers are committed to their faith, it has a strong impact on the entire family.

In our gospel passage this weekend, Jesus says, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate” and, “some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Who gets to heaven? How many get to heaven? These questions and so many like them are important for our consideration and prayer. Jesus seems to suggest that many who believe that they are getting into heaven with no problem might not make it, while others who are deemed as unworthy might be the first ones to enter. Our pride can be a great obstacle; God’s mercy is a great remedy. Since we don’t know the day or the hour, it’s important for us to always be ready. Maybe this gospel will be the incentive for many people to go to confession between now and next Sunday!

With love and prayers,  
Fr. John Costello

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Groups, Meetings and Parish Events

For Mass Schedule see Page 2

SUNDAY August 24 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
MONDAY August 25	7:00PM Summer Evening Lectio with Mary
TUESDAY August 26	6:45PM Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30 PM Padre Pio Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY August 27 Saint Monica	
THURSDAY August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7:00PM Summer Evening Lectio with Mary
FRIDAY August 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	
SATURDAY August 30	
SUNDAY August 31 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	



Welcome  
TO  
St. Luke Church

### 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.**



Monday to Friday, at 11:15am 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](http://stlukewhitestone.org)**

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

**four WAYS to GIVE**  
at Saint Luke's

**SUNDAY**

8/17/2025  
\$8,453

Assumption  
\$2,944



### Mobile Giving

Text directly 929-209-6614 to send your offering via message.



### Drop Off or In-Person

You may drop off your envelopes in the collection basket at mass or in the rectory office.



### Mail-In

St. Luke's Church  
1634 Clintonville St.  
Whitestone, NY 11357



### Online Giving

Scan this code or visit our platform online at [givecentral.org/location/614](https://givecentral.org/location/614)

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2025**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**64%** St. Luke Parish Goal \$104,503

ACA 2024 Final Results:  
224 donors  
\$122,167.00

Mrs. Antoinette Barretta  
Maria DiPietrantonio  
Martin A. Gleason Funeral Home  
Mr. & Mrs. Renzo Lombardozi  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Varlese

God bless!

166 donors  
\$66,920 pledged  
Average gift: \$403

# Weekend Mass Schedule Changes

beginning July 2025



## ST. LUKE

Saturday  
4:30 PM

Sunday  
8:30 AM - bilingual  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM

Sept. to June  
Sun. 4:30 PM



## ST. MEL

Saturday  
5:00 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM - bilingual  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

# Infant Baptism at St. Luke's

Please call Sister Theresa to schedule a baptism interview when you have received the Birth Certificate

718-746-8531



## Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 6th  
Sept. 27th  
Oct. 11th  
Oct. 25th

## BEREAVEMENT

### SUPPORT

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us. Our next meeting is

Tuesday Sept. 9, 2025  
at 6:00PM in the  
Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

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 ahead.

Individual bereavement counseling sessions are also available.

Sister Theresa  
718-746-8531

*Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*

# SING to the Lord! St Luke Youth Choir

Jessica Smith. Director of Music



Youth Choir, rehearses Tuesdays 3:00 - 3:45PM  
Sing 10:30 Mass Sundays once a month and concerts



First Rehearsal September 23  
Grades 2 & up

For More Information about all St. Luke Choirs:  
718 746-8102 ext. 30



# St. Luke Carnival 2025

## CHAIRMAN

Sabato Daniele

## COMMITTEE

Jenn Daniele  
John Dierks  
Donna Jo Fonseca

Cookie Kurtz  
Gene O'Brien  
Heidi O'Connor

Damian Scardamaglia  
John Ventura  
Deirdre Zuccarello

<b>INCOME</b>	
Banner Sales	\$37,870
Wonderland Midway Corp.	\$32,822
Other Income	\$36,620
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$107,312</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$48,502</b>

**NET PROFIT - \$58,810**

**Parish - \$29,405**

**School - \$29,405**

*"Nobody can do everything,  
but everyone can do something."  
- Author Unknown*

**Without each and every one of you,  
our carnival could not have been so successful!**





# Baskets!

Donations of gifts should be new and unused.

As we look ahead to the fall, we are planning fund raising events. We are looking for donations of baskets (and gifts for the baskets) to help us make these events a success.

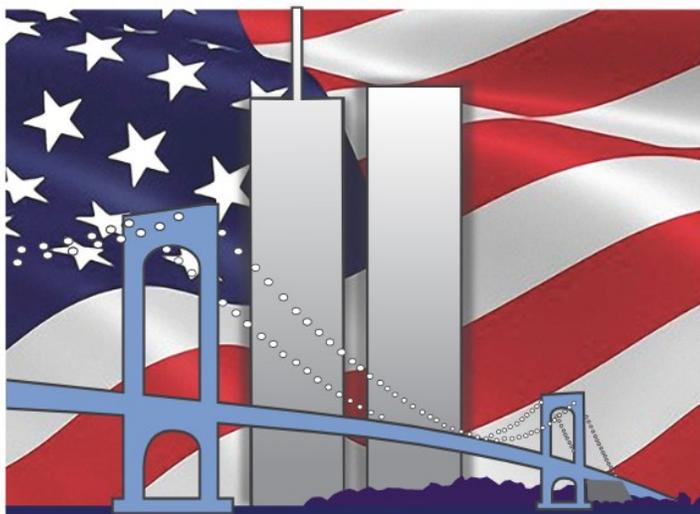



Please bring Donations to the Rectory By September 19th

## Altar Linen Volunteers



We need volunteers to help launder the altar linens. Typically volunteers serve once a month. Linens are picked up from sacristy after Mass on Sunday. They need to be machine washed and ironed. Usually they are returned by Tuesday. There are normally a couple of dozen linens that need to be washed each week. Call the rectory if you can help!



FRIENDS OF FRANCIS LEWIS PARK PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR We WHITSTONE

# SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL

Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM  
 AT FRANCIS LEWIS PARK  
 3rd Avenue and 147th Street • Whitestone, NY

★ NEVER FORGET ★

## September 18th

### Welcome Back

# St. Luke Golden Age Club

Come join the fun

Thursdays at 1:00PM

**in the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center**

Everyone is welcome!





# Adopt A Classroom

Help our teachers provide an excellent learning environment for our students!

Show your gratitude for their commitment and sacrifices to continue the great legacy of Catholic Education here at St. Luke.

"Adopt" a classroom for \$250 - receive a thank you from the class for your generous support.

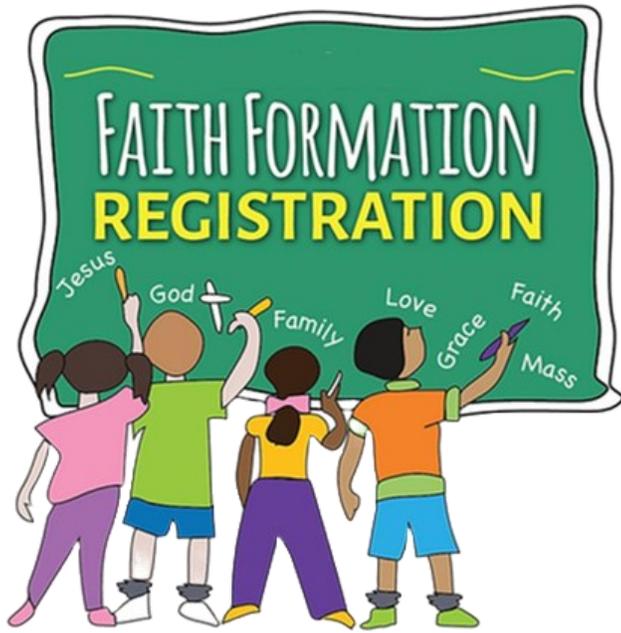
Scan code to donate online

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

I'm glad to help St. Luke School with my donation of \$250 to Adopt a Classroom for the 2025-2026 School Year.



*Please return donations to the rectory or in the collection basket.*



# 2025-2026 Registration for St. Luke Religious Education Program

Grades 1-8

Forms for **New** students and **Returning** students can be found at  
[stlukewhitestone.org](http://stlukewhitestone.org)

\*Drop off at the Rectory or Mail the completed form/s with the  
registration fee to:

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

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

Religious Education Office:(718) 746-3409

email: [saintlukered@yahoo.com](mailto:saintlukered@yahoo.com)

## CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10th

# RADIO BINGO™ NIGHT

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Doors open at 7PM in  
The Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center of St. Luke  
Join us for music, laughs, a little  
dancing and prizes

*Coffee & light dessert included  
(BYOB of wine)*

Grab some friends ... or meet some new  
ones ... but don't miss out on the fun  
\$55.00 per person  
(21 and over only please)



Tickets sold in advance only --- no tickets can be sold at the door.  
Ticket sales must be in by: Sunday Sept. 21 (all sales are final)

Please return the form below with **your check made out to St. Luke**  
(please add Radio Bingo in the memo)

Or use the QR Code to pay & register for the event by credit card.

(If using the online form - you do not need to fill this form out and return - thank you)

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I'm paying for the following people in addition to myself: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

To register and pay by credit card ... please scan and use this QR Code





# Summer Evenings with Mary

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# MARY

Mon. Aug. 18 & Thurs. Aug. 21  
Mon. Aug. 25 & Thurs. Aug. 28

at 7:00 PM

Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center



**R S V P**

Nicholas Scardamaglia  
516-660-4818  
Joseph Conforti  
917-887-5277



Please Purchase Your Tickets No Later Than **OCTOBER 13TH, 2025**  
No Tickets Will Be Available At The Door

MONSIGNOR FRANCIS J. DILLON  
*Knights Of Columbus*

# PASTA NIGHT

FOOD • DRINK • DESSERT • MUSIC & DANCING • RAFFLES

**FRIDAY • OCTOBER 17TH • 2025**  
**« 6:00PM — 10:00PM »**

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\$30 per person

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Saint Luke's Parish Center  
16-34 Clintonville Street  
Whitestone, New York

Featuring Music By *Jimmy James*



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# Marriage Struggling?



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## RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**SEPT. 26-28TH • HUNTINGTON, NY**

*Register by: Sept 12th • [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)*

- 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?

**No Marriage is Beyond Hope.**

# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART



email  
office@stlukewhitestone.org  
if you are interested

### CONTENT

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II. Men attending That Man is You! typically consider the content to be the program's greatest strength, rating it 9.4 on a 10-point scale.

"This program is desperately needed in the Roman Catholic Church today! It is the most eye-opening and rewarding program that I have ever attended!! honestly believe this course will make Catholic men better leaders of their families, which will renew the Church and change the world."

— Participant, Texas

WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, JESUS CHRIST WANTS TO ENCOUNTER YOU RIGHT THERE...AND TAKE YOU FURTHER.  
**COMING TO ST. LUKE IN SEPTEMBER!**

## Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Francis J. Dillon 5872

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Use promo code: Blessed McGivney



You are called - Join today!  
FREE 12-month membership



Contact: Damian  
Cell 516-375-2663

[Dscardamaglia@slswhitestone.org](mailto:Dscardamaglia@slswhitestone.org)



## Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated. All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows. Bring your family to witness your exchange and the continued commitment to one another.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

11:00 AM

Holy Family Church

175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Information is due by September 15, 2025

Scan the code for more information on registration and payment options.





# ITALIAN SCHOOL

## I.A.C.E Meetings 2025-2026

September 29	Registration	January 26	
October 6	Registration	February 2	
October 13	No Class—Columbus Day	February 9	
October 20		February 16	No Class—President’s Day
October 27		February 23	
November 3		March 2	
November 10		March 9	No Class
November 17		March 16	
November 24		March 23	
December 1		March 30	
December 8	No Class—Immaculate Conception	April 6	No Class—Easter Recess
December 15	Christmas Show	April 13	
December 22	No Class—Christmas Break	April 20	
December 29	No Class—Christmas Break	April 27	
January 5		May 4	
January 12	<b>Adult 2nd Tuition Due</b>	May 11	Last Class—End of Year Performance
January 19	No Class—Martin Luther King Jr. Day		

Classes will be held at Saint Luke School located at  
**16-01 150th Place, Whitestone, NY 11357**

In-person classes will be held each Monday throughout the end of the school year.

Classes are held for children 3 years & up between 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the school.

Adult classes are held between 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

### Tuitions

- Please make checks out to I.A.C.E. or cash
- Children ages 3-18 are \$300 per year
- Adults age 18+ are \$250 for 10 lessons

### Dates to be Announced

- October 4, 2026 —6:30 pm—Dialect Night
- March 29, 2026—3 pm—St. Joseph’s Dinner Dance

## Community Bulletin Board

**ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIP** -: 8/30 - Labor Day Long Island Funaway Excursion takes us to the beautiful Gold Coast Village of Northport. Our trip includes a lovely park visit, an art gallery, a delightful luncheon at a beach cafe, and browsing the variety of shops on Main Street. 9/4 - Ladies' Get-to-Know-You Friendship Circle Luncheon takes us to New Canaan, Connecticut for a delightful luncheon 'n wonderful shop browsing. Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941.

### 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 FREE "Hearing Aid Help", and FREE Speech and Hearing screenings September 8—December 4, 2025 at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. Please call (718)-990-6480

### Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC)

ALL ALUMNAE INVITED New York, NY, : 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Michael School, which became St. Michael Academy at Noon on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. Honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1975 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 2000. The cost is \$80 for the luncheon before August 31, 2025, \$90 thereafter.

For further information and reservations, please email: [smaaanyc@gmail.com](mailto:smaaanyc@gmail.com) or call: 516-437-6958.

### Queens Compost Giveback Site :

77-28 19th Ave, Astoria, NY

**April 23 - September 27, 2025**

**Wednesdays: 5 PM - 7 PM**

**Saturdays: 8 AM - 10 AM**

**FREE  
SUMMER  
MEALS**  
FOR KIDS AND TEENS!

### Summer Reading, Meals, and Family Game Time

FREE lunches for kids and teens all summer long. Join us for a summer meal,

followed by game-playing extravaganza that includes Chess, Monopoly, jigsaw puzzles, Legos and more! For youth ages 18 and under; first come, first serve.

Whitestone Public Library  
151-10 14 Road, Whitestone, NY 11357  
(718) 767-8010  
June 30-Aug 29, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

NYS Catholic Conference 

## Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

**We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life.** Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

### Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit [bit.ly/veto-pas](https://bit.ly/veto-pas) or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.  
[www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) • 518-434-6195 • [info@nyscatholic.org](mailto:info@nyscatholic.org)

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

# INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYERS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH



## ACT OF CONTRITION

The Sacrament of Confession is a profound encounter with divine mercy, where our hearts are laid bare, and through sincere contrition, we receive the transforming grace to begin anew. It is in the humility of true sorrow—not merely fearing the consequences, but grieving for having offended a loving God—that the soul is restored. St. Augustine beautifully reflects, *“In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You.”* In this way, confession becomes not a moment of shame, but of freedom—where we step into God’s light, receive His mercy, and walk forward renewed in His love.

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.



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Ages 7+

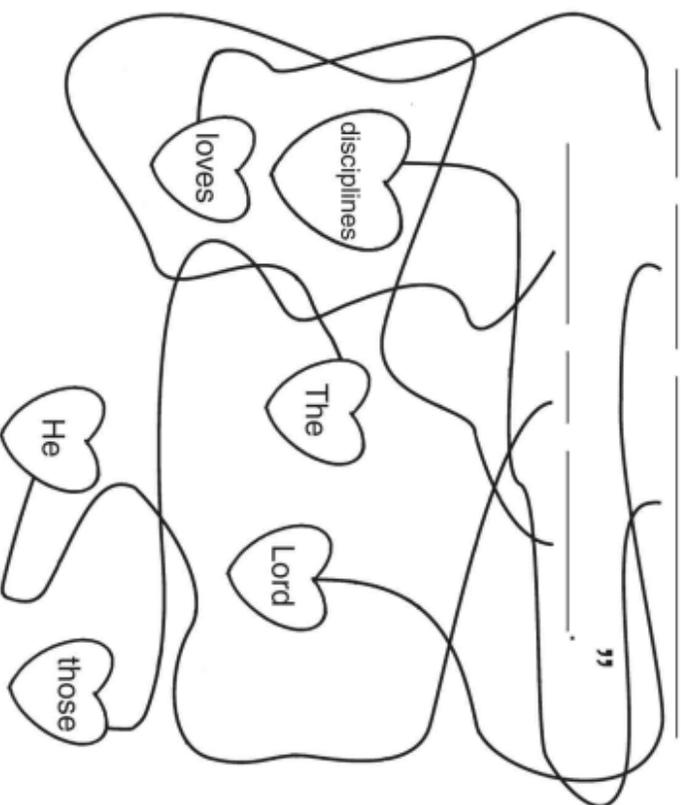
August 24, 2025 • Hebrews 12:5-13

### The Discipline of the Lord

The writer to the Hebrews tells us to not lose heart when troubles come. What does it say next?

Don't "lose heart" as you follow the path from each heart to put the message in order.

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"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' ..."

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... There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out," Jesus said to the people.

# A Catholic Dictionary

**Amen:** The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

**Bulletin:** Parish information, read only during the homily. Catholic air conditioning. Your receipt for attending Mass.

**Choir:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

**Holy Water:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

**Hymn:** A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

**Incense:** Holy Smoke!

**Jesuits:** An order of priests known for their ability to found colleges (and high schools) with good basketball teams.

**Jonah:** The original "Jaws" story.

**Justice:** When kids have kids of their own.

**Kyrie Eleison:** The only Greek words most Catholics recognize besides gyros and baklava.

**Magi:** The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

**Manger:** Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO. The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.

**Pew:** A medieval torture device still found in Catholic Churches.

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

**Recessional:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass—led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

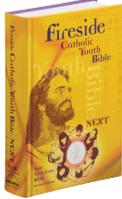
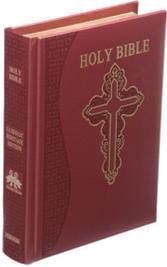
**Recessional Hymn:** The last song at Mass, often sung a little more quietly since most of the people have already left.

**Relics:** People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

**Ten Commandments:** The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

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