



ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 24, 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 23 to December 31

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, Mary & John
Morelli, Angelo Prestifilippo
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

Monday, December 25

9:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance
10:30 Christmas Mass Remembrance
12:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 No Mass
12:00 The Musacchia Family

Wednesday, December 27

12:00 Vincenzo Lala

Thursday, December 28

8:30 No Mass
12:00 Valerie Balsamo

Friday, December 29

12:00 Americo DeAngelis

Saturday, December 30

8:30 Anna & Cristoford Mancini
5:00 Raymond Arel, Steven Romano, Angela &
Joseph Giglio & Leslie Thorsen

Sunday, December 31

7:30 Pro Populo
9:00 Bruno Celso, Frank Morelli, In Honor of
San Sylvestro Papa, il Amata Memoria di
Cono Pirrone, Giuseppina DiMaria
10:30 Gertrude & J. Paul Lynch
12:00 Purgatorial Society
5:00 No Mass

MEMORIALS
For the week of December 24 to December 30



The Altar Bread is given in memory of
Antonella Mattina
Requested by
The Parents of Antonella Mattina

The Altar Wine is given in memory of
Michael Cipriani
Requested by
Mon & Dad with Love

The Altar Candles are given in the memory of
Dominick Valenza
Requested by
The Bandarick-Kelly Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of
Patricia Schrader
Requested by
Julianne Costello & Family
Marianne & John DiBugno & Family

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

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

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



Angela Avena
Ronald Peter DiMasi
Margaret Bernadette
McCormac
Mary C. Cunningham
Anna Angelopalos

Dear Friends,

DECEMBER 16/17	
5:00 PM	160
7:30 AM	108
9:00 AM	142
10:30 AM	196
12:00 PM	207
5:00 PM	153
TOTAL	966

This is quite a weekend! Until midday Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and then we switch to our celebrations for Christmas on Sunday afternoon through Monday morning. It will be quite a workout for all of us who are liturgical ministers in the parish, but what a great blessing to join together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. On behalf of all the parish staff, I extend a warm welcome to neighbors, friends, and visitors who are joining us this weekend. I pray that you always feel at home here at St. Luke, and that your time with family and friends will be a great blessing for you.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we finally come upon Mary at the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel is sent by God to announce his plan: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke records for us Mary's generous and loving response: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary's response to God's call is a model for all Christians. Whether we feel called to a vocation to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, or if we believe God is calling us to marriage and family life, or even to a single life of service, we are called to humbly make ourselves available to God's will, trusting that the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, will bring it to fulfillment.

There are several liturgical options for the celebration of Christmas: the Vigil Mass, the Mass during the Night, the Mass at Dawn, and the Mass during the Day. At the first three Masses, we hear parts of the familiar story of the Birth of Jesus. At the Vigil Mass, Matthew recounts the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham to David to Joseph, the husband of Mary, and then we hear Joseph's role in the Birth of Jesus. At the Mass during the Night, Luke tells us of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. Then, the angels announce to the shepherds the good news of great joy, and they sing God's glory on high. During the Mass at Dawn, Luke continues to tell how, when the angels went away from the shepherds to heaven, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see for themselves. They told Mary and Joseph what had been told them about the child, and Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. At the Mass during the Day, we turn to the first chapter of John's gospel. He doesn't record any of the details of the birth of Jesus, but he gets right to the meaning of this great event: "*the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*" At whatever Mass you attend, and with whatever Scripture passages you hear proclaimed, may you be renewed in the great joy of the Birth of Jesus, and may you carry that message with you so that others may come to know the great gift that was given to the world with the Birth of Jesus.

On behalf of all the clergy and staff of St. Luke Parish, I extend to all of you our prayers and best wishes as you celebrate Christmas with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!
Fr. John Costello

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

SUNDAY December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Christmas Mass Christmas Mass Christmas Carols Mass During the Night
MONDAY December 25 <i>The Nativity of our Lord</i>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	Italian Mass Mass Mass
TUESDAY December 26 <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	Noon	Mass
WEDNESDAY December 27 <i>St. John The Apostle</i>	Noon	Mass
THURSDAY December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	Noon	Mass
FRIDAY December 29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	Noon 5:30 PM	Mass AA
SATURDAY December 30	8:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Confessions Mass
SUNDAY December 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon	Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass



**ST. LUKE PARISH
MISSION STATEMENT**

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in Communion with the Universal Church, we strive to follow the Lord's command to love God and one another.

Rooted in word and sacraments as we grow together a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

Our Church is open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each weekday.

Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection.



At 11:15 am from Monday to Friday, parishioners pray the Rosary and

the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.

All are welcome!

If you cannot join in person, please join them spiritually.

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular office hours where you can pick up a census card which can be filled out or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket.

You can even download the census card online.

Please check our website:

stlukewhitestone.org

Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes. or if you would prefer to donate online.

Come and join us!

We wish you and your family a blessed
Christmas, and a beautiful and healthy
New Year



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE SHARE OUR
TREASURE



Thank You!

Due to the early bulletin submission date for the Christmas Eve weekend - our collection update for the weekend of December 17th, 2023 will be in the next weeks bulletin.



**Low Gluten Hosts
Are Available**

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

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

Come and Celebrate With Us

Mass will be celebrated Tuesday through Friday, December 26 – December 29th at 12:00 Noon. All are invited to join us to continue celebrating the birth of Christ and to give thanks for all we have.

During Christmas week there will not be an 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesday or Thursday; there will still be an 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, December 30th.



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024
at 7:00 PM
Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us.

Our group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call Sister Theresa.

Sister Theresa can also offer you individual bereavement counseling sessions if needed.

Sr. Theresa
718-746-8531

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



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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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

Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Lui
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Esposito

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

249 total donors
\$119,360 in pledges
119% of goal
\$479 average gift



Have a Blessed Christmas



Epiphany Raffle
for the benefit of St. Luke Church

Drawing - Saturday, January 6, 2024

\$10 per chance
3 chances for \$25

50% to parish

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

return tickets in collection basket or to rectory

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



Epiphany
Parish
Volunteer Party

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: _____

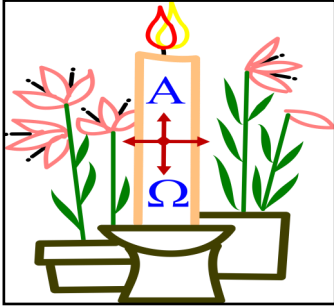
Phone #: _____

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.**

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.



Flushing

First Friday Club

The Flushing First Friday Club will meet on Friday, January, 5th at Verdi's of Whitestone at 12 Noon

Lunch will be served after the celebration of Mass.

The speaker will be Rev. Msgr. Kevin Noone

Cost of 4 course lunch is \$45



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:10-11, ESV



Young At Heart



St. Luke Golden Age Club

Come join the fun
Thursdays at 1:00 PM
In the Msgr. Tosi
Pastoral Center

**Please Note: There will be no meeting on Dec. 28—
returning on Jan. 4th, 2024**

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.



2024 Announced Mass

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

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

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

What a beautiful way to remember our loved ones.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Let All The World Sing Of His Birth ...

Our amazing adult and children's choirs, and special guests, joined together to fill our church with beautiful Advent and Christmas music on Sunday afternoon, December 10th. Under the guidance and direction of Jessica Tranzillo-Smith, and accompanied by Loneda Jautakiene pieces from around the world celebrated the coming of Our Savior.





Youth Group Update

CHRISTMAS WITH THE SISTERS OF MERCY

On December 9th our St. Luke Youth Group made their annual visit to the Sisters of Mercy residence on Parsons Blvd. Our leaders and members went bearing some Christmas goodie packages, a Bingo set and some prizes for a fun afternoon with Sisters.



Collective Intentions Masses

Several times a year we celebrate a Collective Intentions Mass on a Saturday at Noon to accommodate the requests of parishioners for an opportunity to remember a loved one at Mass for a special anniversary of death (i.e. one month or one year), or to celebrate a special event.

Our organist and cantor are there to help us celebrate.

\$50 offering requested

Upcoming Dates:
January 27, 2024
March 16, 2024
May 25, 2024



*As this New Year begins, may God's light shine upon you.
Come spend some quiet time talking with Him ...
He's waiting for you.*

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?

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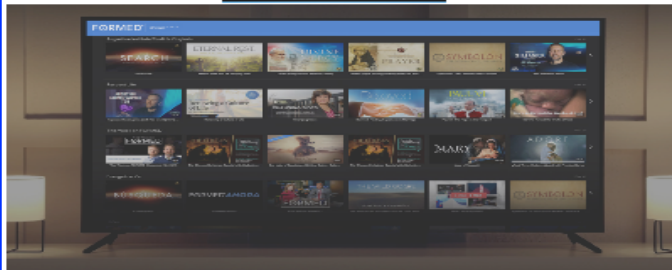
Our Next Weekend is
January 19-21, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington
To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org

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.

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3. Enter your name and email address
4. Then start to enjoy FORMED!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.



FONDAZIONE
Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza
Opera San Pio da Pietrelcina

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, **June 16, 2023**

Centro Gruppi di Preghiera di Padre Pio
Il Direttore Generale

**To members of the
"Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" Prayer Group
of Whitestone, NY**

Mrs.
MASULLO ANGELA
157 - 60 10TH AVE
WHITESTONE, N.Y. 11357
USA

Dears friends of the **Prayer Group "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina "** of **Whitestone**

I sincerely thank you for your donation of 1.100\$ donated to the Padre Pio Hospital on the occasion of the Feast Day of Charity.

Your gift will be used to purchase new health technologies such as the latest generation linear accelerator for radiotherapy. These modern equipment will offer tangible benefits to the many cancer patients who rely on the San Giovanni Rotondo hospital; they can actually guarantee greater precision and effectiveness in the irradiation of tumor sites with a decrease in side effects.

All of you who contribute so that this Hospital might become ever more equipped to assist the sick as the Founder predicted, share his plan to relieve suffering. May Saint Pio assist and protect you from Heaven.

Wishing you an apostolate full of good fruits, I bless you in the Lord.

Padre Franco MOSCONE crs
*Archbishop Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo
Director for Padre Pio Prayer Groups*

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Ancora una volta il nostro annuale Dinner- dance a beneficio dell' Ospedale " CASA SOLLIEVO DELLA SOFFERENZA" e' stato un successo. Grazie alla vostra generosita', con la presenza, con il buon cuore, ma soprattutto con la fede abbiamo raggiunto la somma di € 5.200. Grazie di cuore e sempre invocando l' intercessione del nostro caro SANTO PADRE PIO.

Angela Masullo



FONDAZIONE
Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza
Opera San Pio da Pietrelcina

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, November 24, 2023

Centro Gruppi di Preghiera di Padre Pio

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Dears friends of the
Prayer Group "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" of Whitestone, MY,

I am pleased to express my gratitude to you for your donation of 5.200€ destined to the **La Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza**.

May the Lord bless all the devotees of St. Pio of Pietrelcina who actually help this Hospital making it more and more equipped to fully serve those who suffer, as it was in the Founder's designs.

Your contribution allows us to buy modern equipment for diagnosis and treatment, adapting rooms and spaces to new needs of hospitalized people, in this way we can improve the prevention and cure of diseases by responding fully to the expectations of patients.

I promise my prayers for you and for each member of the Group at St. Pio's tomb so that he intercedes for you, from the Lord, spiritual and earthly graces.

With the blessing of the Lord.

Padre Franco MOSCONE crs
Bishop Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo
Director for Padre Pio Prayer Groups



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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

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

Most Rev. Raymond

F.Chappetto

In Loving Memory of:

Vera Chappetto

Louis J. Chappetto

Charles J. Chappetto

Thomas A. Chappetto

Sr. Mary Louise Sarra MSBT

Grace E. DeNigris

Emily G. Fisher

Madeline Paskey

Winifred McGuire

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi

Rita Stroetz

In Loving Memory of:

William Stroetz

Msgr. John C. Tosi

Father William Shelley

Rita Conway

Daniel Conway

Elizabeth Stroetz

Ellen Conway

Patrick Conway

Mary Mac Dermid

Walter MacDermid

Mary Kelner

Thomas Brown

Frank & Yvette Roma

In Loving Memory of:

Andrew & Rafael Morsa

Vincent & Catherine Morsa

Frances & Theresa Morsa

Innocent, Mary & Frank Morsa

Andrew & Rosalie Salerno

Salvatore & Rose D'Anna

Antonio, Maria & Lawrenzo

D'Anna

Luis Santos

Santos & Hernandez

Families



Walter Schwarz

Henry Schwarz

Jean Schwarz

Gloria Walsh

In Loving Memory of:

John Selecky

Mary Selecky

Edward R. Walsh



Annie Walsh

Edward J. Walsh



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

JOIN US AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLBS PARISH CENTER for this VIDEO series by FORMED.

JAN. 11th -- Episode 1: God Is with Us

JAN.18th -- Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist

JAN. 25th – Episode 25: Bread for the Journey

FEB.1st – Bonus Episode: Biblical Foundations with

Dr. Tim Gray

Please register using the link below, the QR code, or by calling the rectory at 718-229-5929

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center
203 Street between 34th and 35th Avenue, below the church.
Sponsored by the OLBS ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM.



Mrs. Fabregas and Mrs. Lopez's class is getting ready for Advent. They were so excited to be making their craft and each week we talk about what each candle means.



The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved, the Eagle by Dom Prosper Gueranger

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Feast day, Dec. 27th

St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. John was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to a martyr's death.

John was the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother.

The "beloved disciple" died in Ephesus after AD98.

St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing "the height he rose to in his gospel." In other icons, he is shown looking up into heaven and dictating his Gospel to his disciple.



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He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.
Luke 1:32



"...He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:26-38

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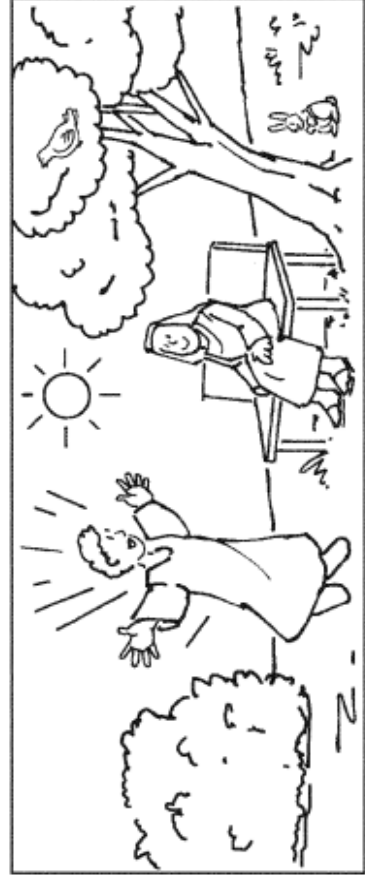
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The Birth of Jesus Foretold

An angel appeared to Mary.
He said, "The Lord is with you."

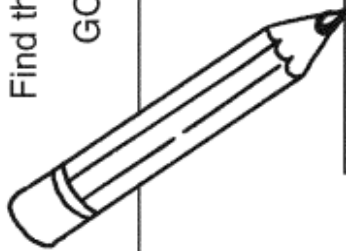
Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



Mary said,
"I am the Lord's servant."

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below.

GOD LOVE JOY BLESS SON



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C	L	O	V	E
D	E	J	O	Y
B	L	E	S	S
S	O	N	F	G

The angel said to Mary,
"You will have a son."

Use the code below to fill in the missing letters.

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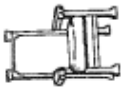

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God will give Jesus
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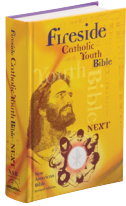
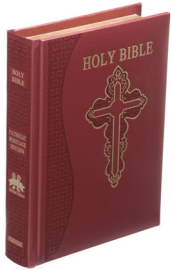
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