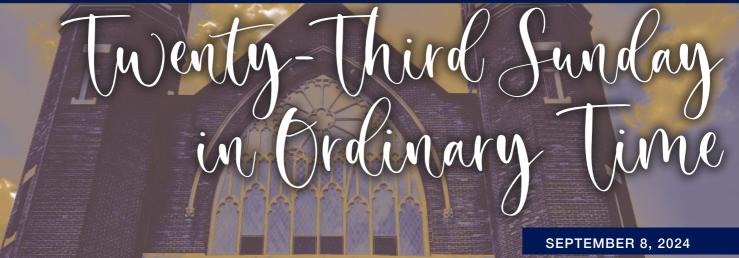


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SUNDAY HOLY MASSES Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 7:30am, 9am (Italian), 10:30am,12 Noon, (5:00pm will return after Labor Day) DAILY MASSES Monday to Friday 12 Noon + Saturday 8:30am

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
Director of Religious Education Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J.
Pastoral Associate Sister Theresa Agliardi, R.S.M.
Principal Mrs. Jan Brunswick

Director of Music Jessica Tranzillo-Smith

Confessions Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM; and by appointment or when requested.

The Rectory is the home of our Priests as well as the site of the parish offices. Please call ahead before coming with parish business in order that your inquiry will be assisted by a knowledgeable staff person.

First Friday - additional 8:30AM Mass when school is in session. **Eucharistic Adoration** - First Fridays after Noon Mass with Benediction at 2:00PM; Saturdays during confessions from 3:30PM with Bendiction at 4:30PM.

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary precedes the noon Mass Monday to Friday and the 8:30AM on Saturday.

The Miraculous Medal Novena follows Noon Mass every Monday.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM. The Italian Charismatic Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 7:30PM.

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

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants Please call Sister Theresa at 718-746-8531 to schedule a baptism interview.

Weddings Please contact one of the priests *prior to making plans with a wedding hall.* The Bishop requires, in all cases, that weddings be set no later than six months prior to the date. **Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)** Interested in becoming a Catholic? Need to receive Communion and Confirmation? Call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at (718) 746-3409.

Ministry to the Sick

If anyone is confined to home and unable to come to Mass, please call the Rectory to arrange to have the sacraments brought. If you foresee hospitalization, please call the Rectory and arrange to be anointed.

SAINT LUKE SCHOOL www.slswhitestone.org

16-01 Msgr. Dillon Place, (150 Place) Whitestone, NY 718-746-3833 | Mrs. Jan Brunswick, Principal Our school serves the community with classes from Nursery through Eighth Grade. 718-344-7620.

School of Religion Offering Religious Education classes to our young people attending public school. Our Director of Religious Education, Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J., can be reached in her rectory office at 718-746-3409.

Volunteers are always welcome.

Music Office Jessica Tranzillo-Smith is our parish Director of Music. She can be reached at the Music Office at 718-746-8102 Ext.30

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, September 7

- 8:30 Pasqualina Natale
- 5:00 Deceased Members of the McCabe & McGuinness Families, Dionysios G. Latos, Ruben Cuellar Quebedo, Giovanni Garofalo

Sunday, September 8

- 7:30 Michael Colasuonno
- 9:00 Frank Morelli, José Bedoya, Joe Lombardi, Frank Loscalzo
 10:30 Pro Populo
- **10.30** FTO FOPUIO **12.00** Developuio
- **12:00** Purgatorial Society **5:00** Vincent Morsa
- **5:00** VIIICellt Mol Sa

Monday, September 9 12:00 Adeline C. Van Note

Tuesday, September 108:30 Donald T. Rodda12:00 Philip D'Alessio (6th Anniversary)

Wednesday, September 11 12:00 Joseph, Frank, Rocco, & Dominick Pugliese

Thursday, September 12 8:30 Donald T. Rodda 12:00 Joan Ann Lynch

Friday, September 13 12:00 Frank & Rose Trotta

Saturday, September 14

- **8:30** Olindo Testa & Family (Anniversary)
- **5:00** Mary Ronci, Lina Wilps-Stuchlik, Louis Bridda, Michael Contartesi, Jr., Eugene Kenneth Jordan

Sunday, September 15

- 7:30 Alejandra Herrera
- 9:00 Pietro & Maria Russo, Frank Morelli, José Bedoya, Jean Varlese
- 10:30 Purgatorial Society
- 12:00 Pro Popolo
- 5:00 Antonio D'Anna

MEMORIALS



The Altar Bread is given in memory of Bob & Mary June Murphy Requested by Their Children

The Altar Wine is given in memory of Bob & Mary June Murphy Requested by Their Children

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Bob & Mary June Murphy Requested by Their Children

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of Bob & Mary June Murphy Requested by Their Children

The Altar Candles are given in memory of John Keyes Requested by Barbara Keyes

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

LORRAINE ALLESI ANTHONY BALDO EDWARD BLAKLEY VIOLA CLEO BRADSHAW JOHN ANTHONY BURKE EILEEN BYHENY GRACE DAVIS NOREEN DONOHER LOUISA DUME CAROLLYNN FREDA ROSA GALEJ SR. MARY HELENE JAKUBOWSKI, RSM MADELINE KARLITZ HELENE ORLANDO GIUSEPPE RAELLE JOSE MANUEL SILVA CAROLINE SAPORITO MARIANNA TOTINO MARY VARLESE JOSEPH T. VERNICE MILLIE WEIGL JANET

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Joseph Berardi Lidilia Morales

September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

August 31 / September 1		
5:00PM	135	
7:30AM	70	
9:00AM	72	
10:30AM	157	
12:00PM	162	
TOTAL	596	

Another school year has officially begun, and so we pray in a special way for the young people of our community as they begin a new school year. May God bless them with wisdom and knowledge so that they may develop their minds and learn well from their teachers and classmates. May God form their hearts, too, that they may grow in friendship, kindness, generosity, patience, mercy and love.

Over the summer I raised two important issues that we need to address as a parish family. First, Bishop Brennan is asking all parishes to evaluate their Mass schedules and to readjust them based on the true needs of the communities and in collaboration with neighboring parishes. St. Mel and St. Luke are closely

aligned, and we need to plan together to provide for the pastoral needs of our people. Currently, our parishes have an identical weekend Mass schedule except that St. Luke also has a Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 PM. As we look ahead to the inevitable decline in priests available to serve in Brooklyn and Oueens, we are likely moving toward a partnership and eventual merger of our parishes over the next several years. While we are blessed to have four senior priests assisting in the two parishes (Bishop Chappetto, Fr. Krlis, Msgr. Noone and Fr. Barozzi), only 3 priests (Fr. Fonti, Fr. Chin and I) are assigned to these parishes. I suggested possibly celebrating an earlier evening Mass on Saturdays at 4:30, particularly in the winter months when it gets dark so early. I also posed combining the first two Sunday Masses into a bi-lingual English/Italian Mass at maybe 8:30 AM. Fr. Fonti and I are hoping to bring our Parish Councils together to discuss possible changes to our Mass schedules. Bishop Brennan expects a report by October 15th so we can open our 2025 Mass books later next month. I ask for prayers, patience and understanding as we collaborate with one another and plan for the future.

The other issue I raised is the budget deficit that we face in the fiscal year that began on September 1st. As you can see from the weekly reports in the bulletin, we average \$10,000 a week in offerings. In 6 months, our collections are approximately \$260,000. Every year, we receive a property insurance bill of about \$80,000; our diocesan assessment is about \$80,000. The yearly health insurance bills for clergy and lay personnel come to over \$100,000. These 3 bills alone take more than six months of collections to pay off before we turn on a light or buy a piece of bread. The deficit was estimated at around \$50,000, which means that we need to increase our weekly offerings by \$1,000 per week. I ask all parishioners to prayerfully review their sacrificial offerings. If 200 families would consider raising their weekly offering by \$5 (less than one visit to Starbucks or Dunkin'), we can easily overcome the anticipated deficit. We also hope to increase fund raising opportunities. I pray, too, that when parishioners plan their estates, they might remember St. Luke as a way to thank God for His abundant blessings throughout your lives.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. Mark reports that Jesus said, "Ephphatha!" which means "Be opened!" During the ritual for the baptism of infants, there is an optional blessing of the ears and mouth that hearkens back to this miracle. The priest or deacon says: May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father. May we all remember that, from the moment of our baptism, we are charged to receive God's word with our ears and to profess it with our lips. Glory and praise to God forever!

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

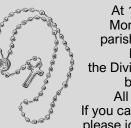
WEEKLY SCHEDULE Masses, Prayer Groups, Meetings and Parish Events			
SUNDAY September 8 <i>Twenty-third Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Mass	
MONDAY September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver</i>	12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Mass Community Board	in
TUESDAY September 10	8:30 AM 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	R as
WEDNESDAY September 11	12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	Mass Senior Choir Rehearsal	O pr
THURSDAY September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name</i> of Mary	8:30 AM 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM 7:30 PM	Golden Age Club	
FRIDAY September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Mass AA	وَلِ If
SATURDAY September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the</i> <i>Holy Cross</i>	8:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Confessions Mass	n of 1 h cai
SUNDAY September 15 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>St. Vincent de</i> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	<i>Paul Clothing Drive—Blood Drive</i> Mass Italian Mass Mass Mass Mass	K



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 orayer 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.



We have several Announced Masses now available in September through December 2024. The Masses are scheduled for Tuesdays or Thursdays at 8:30am

Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to have one of these Masses celebrated for your loved ones.

Announced Masses are \$20

Memorials

Please call or visit the Rectory if you would like to arrange for a memorial for a loved one.

The following memorials are available each week for a \$50 offering: In addition, a memorial with a fresh arrangement of

ALTAR BREAD ALTAR WINE SANCTUARY LAMP ALTAR CANDLES *ALTAR FLOWERS* is available weekly with an offering of \$100.

Memorials will be printed in the bulletin weekly and cards are available upon request in the rectory.



Called to Serve?

The Diocese of Brooklyn will conduct a training of lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in September at St. Francis Prep.





Please call Fr. John Costello if you would like help discerning if God is calling you to serve here at St. Luke.



Mobile Giving

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



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

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SUNDAY

September 1, 2024 \$12,771.30





Clothing Drive



Sunday,September 15 until 12 Noon

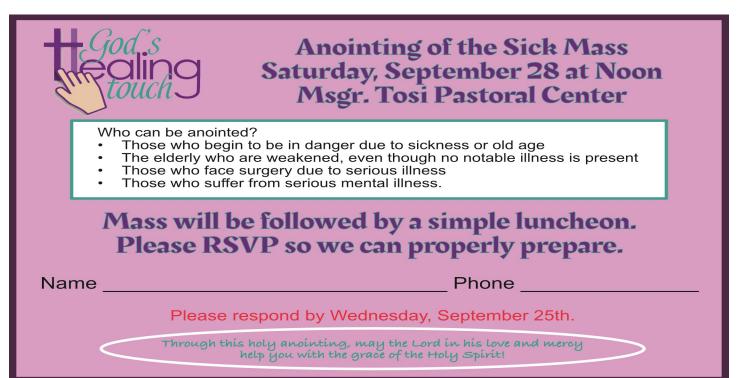
Collecting new & slightly used clothing

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Tickets sold in advance only no tickets can be sold at the door. Ticket sales must be in by: <u>Sunday Sept. 22</u> (<i>all sales are final</i>) 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 below to pay & register for the event by credit card. (If using the online form - <u>you do not</u> need to fill this form out and return - thank you)				
First & Last Name:				
E	Email Address: Phone #:			
S	Street Address: State:, Zip:			
# of Tickets: Total Amount enclosed: \$				

I would like to sit with:	 at the event



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St. Luke Senior Choir

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM Starting September 6 Sing at the 10:30 AM Mass

St. Luke Italian Choir

Sing at the 9:00 AM Italian Mass No rehearsal necessary

Resurrection Choir

Sing for funerals No rehearsal necessary

Rehearsals in the St. Cecilia Room Jessica Tranzillo Smith, Director of Music For more information: 718 746-8102 ext. 30 Return form below to the Rectory

Count me in for the September 2024 to June 2025 Season!

I am interested in joining	
St. Luke Senior Choir	St. Luke Italian Choir
Resurrection Choir	
Name	
Address	
	Cell Phone
email	



ITALIAN SCHOOL I.A.C.E Meetings 2024-2025 For Information Call Damiana Testa at (646) 523-3072

September 30	Registration	January 27	
October 7	Registration	February 3	
October 14	No Class—Columbus Day	February 10	
October 21		February 17	No Class—President's Day
October 28		February 24	
November 4		March 3	
November 11	No Class—Veterans Day	March 10	
November 18		March 17	
November 25		March 24	
December 2		April 7	
December 9		April 14	
December 16	Christmas Show	April 21	No Class—Easter Recess
January 6		April 28	
January 13	Adult 2nd Tuition Due	May 5	LAST CLASS & End of Year Performance
January 20			

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 Remember

- October 12, 2024 Dialect Night
- March 29, 2025 St. Joseph's Dinner Dance



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH Hosted by KoC Msgr. Dillon Council SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 8AM-2PM

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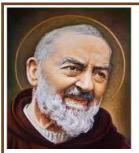
Appointments strongly encouraged Scan QR code and type 19872 For more information, please contact Damian 516-375-2663

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your ID with name and photo. Masks requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit **nybc.org/coronavirus** for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.



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Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in New Jersey in honor of St. Padre Pio

Sunday, September 15, 2024 Bus will leave from the following church. St.Lukes church in Whitestone.NY 7:30am St.Francis of Assisi Church in Astoria.NY 8:00am Price for the bus for now is \$40. Bring your own lunch. Bus will leave from shrine at 4:30pm.

L'autobus parte dalle due chiesa. St.Luke in Whitestone.NY 7:30am St.Francis Church in Astoria,NY 8:00am La costa del L'autobus e \$40 per adesso. L'autobus si parte del santuario alle 4:30pm.

> Per piu informazione Chiamare Giuseppe Vescio 347-255-2215 Mara Bruno 917-943-7156



35th Ave & 210th Street Bayside, NY Tel: (718) 229-1663





The relic of St. Padre Pio's glove will be available for veneration





St. Luke Religious Education Program Register Now for 2024/2025 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 in a sealed envelope marked: <u>Attention</u>: Sister Katherine - St. Luke School of Religion and drop it in the black metal mail box located on the wall between the outer and inner Rectory front doors.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at (718) 746-3409 or email us at:

saintlukered@yahoo.com

and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



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

718-746-8531



Upcoming Dates: September 7, 2024 September 21, 2024 October 12, 2024 October 26, 2024



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

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

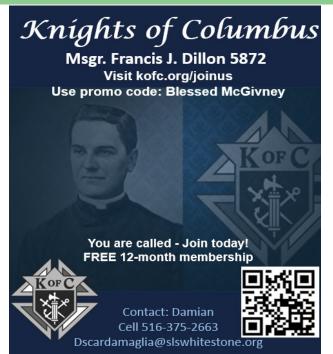
Our group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please call ahead.

> Individual bereavement counseling sessions are also available.



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

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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 AND HEARING CENTER** will be offering **FREE** "Hearing Aid Help", and **FREE** Speech and Hearing screenings from June 3, 2024 through August 1, 2024, at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. **Please call (718)-990-6480 for** appointments.

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Bishop Reilly High School Class of 1974 ~ 50th Reunion

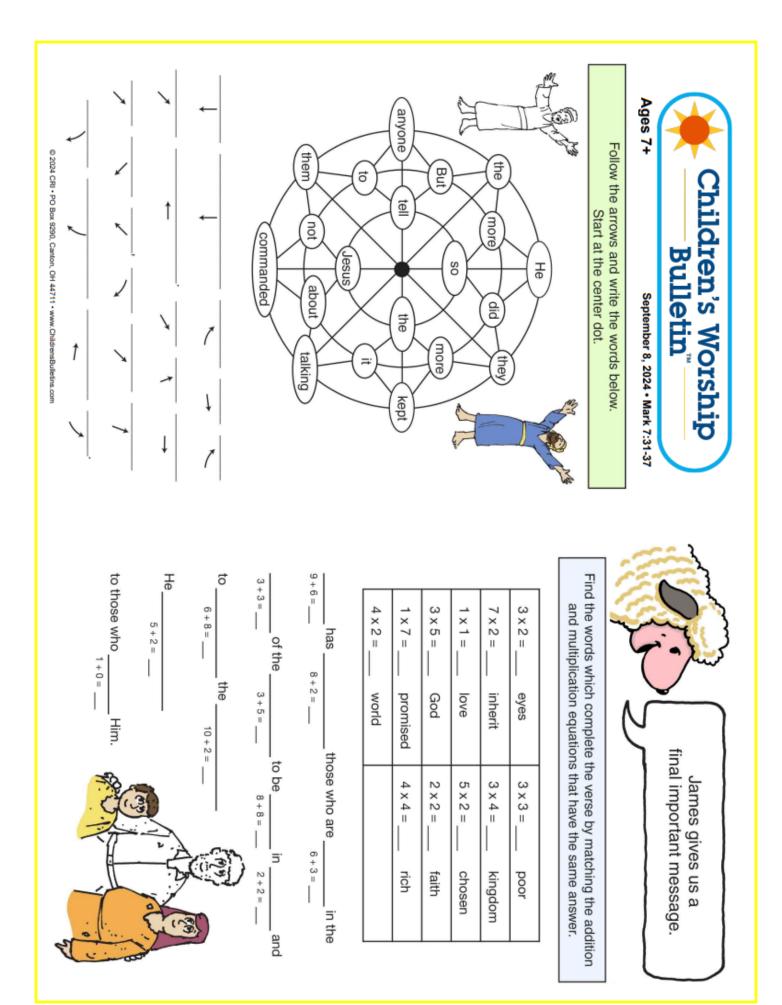
Were you or someone you know in the last graduating class [1974] of Bishop Reilly High School in Fresh Meadows, NY? The BRHS Class of 1974 will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of graduation on Saturday, September 28, 2024. To be added to the contact list and receive further information, please send an email o BRHS1974@aol.com

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY - Registration for *Theology Degree and Certificate Programs* is open. Classes begin September 3rd! Join 100% online or in-person degree and certificate programs in Catholic Theology! Contact Admission at 914-367-8145, or sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu.

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION AND LUNCH! TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 OR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM FREDERICK FUNERAL HOME & QUINN-FOGARTY FUNERAL HOME 192-15 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358

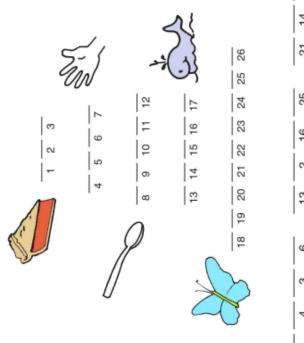
Starting the conversation about planning your funeral in advance is the first important step. We are inviting you to meet with our knowledgeable and professional staff. This informal meeting will address the topics you and your loved ones should consider when planning your funeral. In doing so, you can reduce stress, doubt and anxiety in the future. With a funeral plan in place, you and your family can have added peace of mind. Take that first step and bring along your spouse, partner or family member, and meet with us to discuss your options.

RSVP to: Nicole Esposito @ 718-357-6100 OR Email: Nicole.Esposito@dignitymemorial.com



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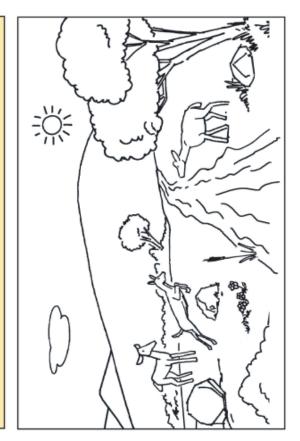


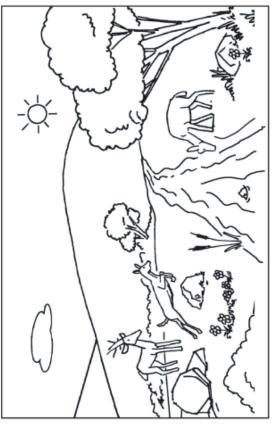


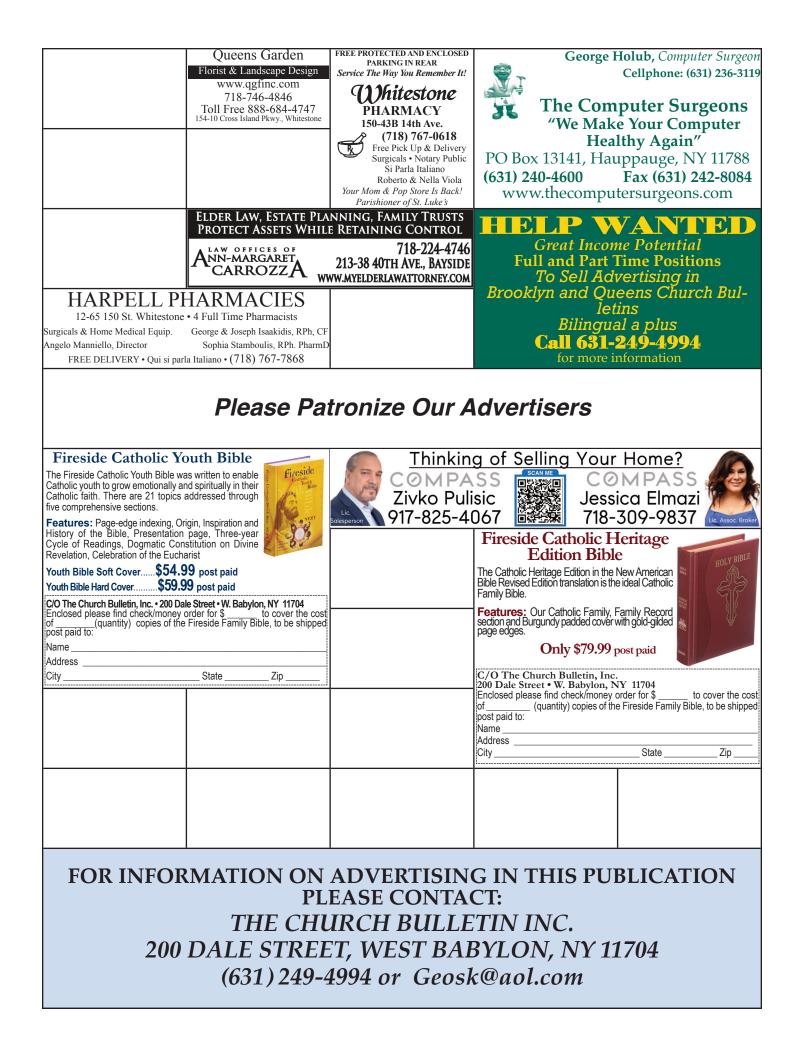
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Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

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