



ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of the Season of Advent

DECEMBER 15, 2024

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 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.

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, December 14

8:30 Angela Avena

5:00 Angela Avena, Eva Guevara, Joseph & Angela Giglio & Leslie Thorsen

Sunday, December 15

7:30 Purgatorial Society

9:00 Frank Morelli, Pasquale & Lillina Marie Russo, Luigi Attanasio, Rosa & Mike D'Aquila, Associazione Sacchese Santa Lucia, Salvatore DiSalvo, Ivan Klaric, Maria & Giovanni DiGiorgio & Family, Dionisio & Giuseppina Salomone & Family

10:30 Angela Avena

12:00 Joseph Croce

5:00 Pro Populo

Monday, December 16

12:00 Aida Tymann

Tuesday, December 17

8:30 Donald T. Rodda

12:00 Lois Blakely

Wednesday, December 18

12:00 Deceased Members of Simeone Family

Thursday, December 19

8:30 Dominick Tarantino

12:00 Romano Family

Friday, December 20

12:00 Salvatore & Fanny Cicero

Saturday, December 21

8:30 Fr. Fabian Grifone

5:00 Francisco Delapava, Gemma Matrullo, Dominick Muscatelli

Sunday, December 22

7:30 Purgatorial

9:00 Pro Populo, Frank Morelli, Pasqualina Natale, Nancy DiNardo, Salvatore DiSalvo, Pietra & Giuseppe Biundo, Salvatore D'Amico

10:30 Riko Licul

12:00 Innocent, Mary, & Frank Morsa

5:00 Philip & Gloria D'Alessio

MEMORIALS



The Altar Bread is given in memory of Salvatore DiSalvo

Requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Biundo and Family

The Altar Wine is given in memory of Salvatore DiSalvo

Requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Biundo and Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of Grazia Concetto

Requested by
Yolanda Scire-Banchitta

The Altar Candles are given in memory of Stanley David Zuzic

Requested by
His family

There are no Altar Flower memorials during Advent

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

LORRAINE ALLESI
ANTHONY BALDO
SELENE BELESIS
EDWARD BLAKLEY
JOHN ANTHONY BURKE
EILEEN BYHENY
GRACE DAVIS
NOREEN DONOHER
LOUISA DUME
CAROLLYNN FREDA
ROSA GALEJ
SR. MARY HELENE
JAKUBOWSKI, RSM

MADELINE KARLITZ
LILY MORALES
KATHLEEN O'CONNELL
GIUSEPPE RAELE
JOSE MANUEL SILVA
CAROLINE SAPORITO
MARIANNA TOTINO
MARY VARLESE
JOSEPH T. VERNICE
MILLIE WEIGL
JANET

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY



Maria Carmela Porcelli
Patricia O'Connor

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Dear Friends,

December 8	
5:00PM	263
7:30AM	76
9:00AM	82
10:30AM	217
12:00PM	192
5:00PM	110
TOTAL	940

We had quite a busy weekend last weekend ... Happy Birthday Jesus Party, Christmas tree lighting, Choir concert ... we are truly blessed here at St. Luke! I want to once again thank Jessica Smith, along with Loneda Jautakiene, for the way they enhance our parish liturgies all year long, but especially in working with the choirs. In a world where following TV programs is easy with DVRs, on Demand, etc., there's no reason why more people shouldn't seek to join our choir. Choir rehearsal gets you out of the house, making new friends, sharing your talent, and enjoying working with others. I know Jessica would be very happy to speak with potential new choir members.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*. We wear rose-colored vestments and light the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath to express that we rejoice that the season is quickly leading us to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. The crowds look to John the Baptist for advice, and his preaching is very similar to that of Jesus: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." When people begin to wonder if he might be the Christ, John humbly points to Jesus: "one mightier than I is coming." As disciples, we are grateful for any assistance to lead us to Christ, our hope and our salvation. Remain vigilant!

Tomorrow is Reconciliation Monday. Every Advent and Lent for many years, the Archdiocese of NY, and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre work together to provide an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance to be available in virtually every local church at the same time. Here at St. Luke we have confession available immediately after the noon Mass until about 2:30 PM. In the evening, we expose the Eucharist for private prayer and reflection while we offer the Sacrament of Penance from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Benediction takes place at 8:00 PM. Every year we priests are blessed to assist people who have been away from the sacrament for many years to be reconciled to the Lord. Please let your family members and friends know about Reconciliation Monday so they can receive their greatest gift during this holy season.

I encourage parishioners to consider joining us for *Symbolon* after the holidays. *Symbolon* is a video series of faith formation that will help you to learn more about our faith. The optional participant's workbook is a good resource to help supplement the videos and the discussions that will follow. We will meet on ten Saturdays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Pastoral Center. The videos are also available on the FORMED website. All are welcome!

There are many offering envelopes at this time of year: Christmas Flowers, Christmas Masses, Christmas Gift to My Church ... I know that we ask a lot at this time of year, but your generous response allows us to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas and to meet our financial responsibilities. In today's bulletin you will find a summary of our financial report for the fiscal year that ended on August 31, 2024. I thank everyone for your support of St. Luke Parish!

With love and prayers,
Fr. John Costello

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Masses, Prayer Groups, Meetings and Parish Events

SUNDAY December 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Italian Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 5:00 PM Mass
MONDAY December 16	12:00 Noon Mass 12:30 – 2:00PM Reconciliation English & Italian 6:00 PM Reconciliation English & Exposition 6:30 PM Italian School 8:00 PM Benediction
TUESDAY December 17	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 12:45 PM Advent Faith Sharing 3:00 PM Youth Choir 6:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY December 18	12:00 Noon Mass 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Sunday Scripture Sharing
THURSDAY December 19	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 1:00 PM Golden Age Group 7:30 PM Italian Charismatic Prayer Group
FRIDAY December 20	12:00 Noon Mass 7:30 PM AA
SATURDAY December 21	8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
SUNDAY December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Italian Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 5:00 PM Mass



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.



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 Remember



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:

ALTAR BREAD **ALTAR WINE**
SANCTUARY LAMP **ALTAR CANDLES**

In addition, a memorial with a fresh arrangement of **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.

Purgatorial Society

Enrollment Mass cards, for your deceased relatives and friends, may be purchased in the Rectory Office and at Gleason's Funeral Home. The enrollment is for one year from the date of enrollment. A Mass is celebrated weekly at one of our Sunday Masses for all those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. The offering for enrollment is \$20. Each month the names of the deceased who were enrolled that month in the Society (from the previous month) will be published in the bulletin.

The following loved ones were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

Joseph Berardi
Donna Craddock
Lucy Enright
Joseph W. Jelonek
Elaine McPadden
Frank Perrone Sr.
Michael Sblendorio
Carmela Tenaglia
Patricia Worms

Judy Cascione
Maria DiRe
Natica Grgas-Grando
Catherine Marino
Sam Menna
Joyce Poster
Ronald B. Sooklall
Paul Tuohy
Mara Zeejeznjok

Andrew Joseph Clavin
Joseph Durkin
Zdravko Jakic
Thomas McKenna
Salvatore Oppedisano
Lydia Sanataro
Ida Spisek
Harold Wittstruck



four WAYS to GIVE
at Saint Luke's

SUNDAY

December 8, 2024
\$12, 262

Immaculate Conception
\$3,076



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



Drop Off 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



3:30 till 4:30
During Confessions

St. Luke Parish
GOAL: \$100,274

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We are over our goal!

So far ...
208 donors
\$117,115 pledged
117% of goal
Avg. gift: \$563.00

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Davi
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Russo

ACA 2023 Final Results:
261 donors
\$125,880.00

Thank you!

ST. LUKE RC CHURCH

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2024

INCOME	
Sunday & All Other Collections	\$597,450.00
Christmas & Easter Collections	\$37,458.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust	\$4,352.00
Votive Shrines	\$55,998.00
Interest/Dividends	\$84,094.00
Rental Income	\$12,000.00
Clergy Fund	\$106,377.00
Fundraising (Net)	\$4,892.00
Parish Programs	\$47,921.00
Other auxiliary receipts	\$2,476.00
Total Income	\$953,018.00

EXPENSES	
All Salaries	\$472,628.00
Rectory Priest Expenses	\$77,344.00
Lay Employee Benefits	\$112,334.00
Office	\$81,122.00
Parish Programs	\$32,181.00
Altar Supplies	\$16,377.00
Choir books & supplies	\$4,755.00
Utilities	\$88,808.00
Ordinary Repairs/Maint.	\$87,199.00
Donations & Charity	\$3,850.00
Insurance	\$97,860.00
Miscellaneous	\$16,085.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$70,000.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Trust Expense	\$12,500.00
Total Expenses	\$1,173,043.00

EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE	
Donations	\$339,669.00
Unrealized Gains	\$35,771.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$25,606.00
Total Extraordinary Revenue	\$401,046.00

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	
Major Repairs & Renovations	\$31,722.00
Furniture & Equipment	\$19,250.00
Deferred Maintenance	\$57,850.00
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$108,822.00

Total Operating Loss	-\$220,025.00
Total Net Income	\$72,199.00



CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

We would like to invite all parish children in grades 2 and 3 to participate in a special Mass on Christmas Eve, and help to re-enact the Birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass
Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM

Costumes will be provided

Please fill in the below information (print):

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please return this form in the Sunday collection basket, to the school or to the Rectory Office by Tuesday, December 10th.

Additional information will be provided to those who register (practice day, costume distribution, etc.)



NOVEMBERFEST

On November 16th the Parish Pastoral Council held St. Luke’s first Novemberfest. Over 100 people came out to enjoy the music of The NY Spitzbaum German–American Band, dancing along with the Die Erste Gottscheer Dance Group and the delicious food catered by the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square. Wonderful raffles prizes, sing-a-longs and good cheer made the evening complete. We would like to thank everyone who attended for making the evening a success. We would also like to thank those who contributed to the evening:

Our Volunteers: Sister Katherine Burke, Patrick Hayes, Denise Martinez, Annette Neglia, Dorothy Ashton, Damian Scardamaglia, Nicholas Scardamaglia, Edna Stern & Karen Bellissimo Weinberger.

We would also like to thank the very generous businesses and families that helped to create the beautiful raffle baskets:

Aphrodite’s Sweets	Cazzorla Family	Laz & Laz Hair Salon
Abicca Family	Jagerhaus Restaurant	Gabriella Neglia
Christie & Co. Salon	Bishop Raymond Chappetto	Marino Brothers
Berardi Family	Kpacho Restaurant	Nicaj Family
Hair Obsession Salon	Annette Neglia	Msgr. Dillon Knights of Columbus
Annabella O’Sullivan	Utopia Service Center	
Ruby Every Day Nail Salon	Marie Scardamaglia	
Sandra Paolo	Whitestone Cleaners	
Sagamore Creative Gallery	Annmarie Yost	
Scardamaglia Family		

And the many parishioners who stopped by the Rectory Office with donations and baskets to complete the evenings prizes.

Lastly, we would like to give a special thanks to Total Wine & More for their generous donation to our event. Their continued support to our fund raising efforts is greatly appreciated.

Net Event Profit

\$4,141.58

Marriage Struggling?



REGISTER NOW!



HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
JANUARY 24-26TH • HUNTINGTON, NY
 Register by: January 10th • 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.

Congratulations!

Deacon Callistus



Deacon Callistus will come on
 Sunday, December 22
 10:30 AM
 to preach and serve as a deacon.

Light refreshments after Mass.

All are welcome!

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing challenges. We can help.

Our Next Weekend is January 24 -26, 2025 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:
 1-800-470-2230
 HelpOurMarriage.org

Sunday Scripture Sharing

with Deacon John Kramer

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

Join others as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures, discuss Church teachings, and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

All are Welcome!



ADVENT

Faith Sharing

Sr. Theresa and Mary Pollini will offer the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent.

Our group will meet on Tuesdays after the 12:00 Noon Mass in Church

November 26th December 3rd December 10th
& December 17th

For more information - Call Sr. Theresa 718-746-8531



On October 30th St. Luke's Religious Education Program celebrated All Saint's Day. The level 2 children were asked pick a Saint that was special to their family and



write a paragraph about their lives and make a costume to look like them. Everyone arrived at the church ready to present their Saints to family, friends, Sister Katherine and



Father Chin. They were wonderful! Thank You to the Catechists: Lisa Scardamaglia(2-1), Edna Stern(2-2), Denise Martinez (2-2) and Danielle Vargas

(2-3) and their helpers Sofia Galia, Carrie Dyson, Ann Skaats and Olivia Neos for doing such a great job with the students!



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION Monday

Monday,
December 16,
2024

2 PM - 4 PM
6 PM - 8 PM

Check with local parishes for languages and alternate times.



St. Luke, Whitestone, NY

12:30 - 2:00 pm
English & Italian

6:00 - 8:00 pm
English

6:00 - Exposition; 8:00 - Benediction

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Children's Nativity

6:00 PM

10:00 PM

Christmas Day

9:00 AM - Italian

10:30 AM

12:00 PM



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November 20024

Dear Rev. Costello,

The following students from your parish have merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the first quarter of the current school year at St. Francis Preparatory School.

Theses Students have received an average of 90% or above to achieve Honor Roll Status.

Abrahamson, Kayla	Delvecchio, Ella	Leone, Andrew	Rodriguez, Caylee
Acosta, Andrew	DelVecchio, Eva	Leone, Daniel	Ronacher, Mia
Amato, Anthony	Diamond, Aidan	Lercara, Mia	Rossini, Alexander
Amato, Julianna	Dicorato, Liana	Lercara, Nicholas	Ruffini, Steven
Amorelli, Salvatore	Diep, Vivian	Logozzo, Olivia	Ruggiero, Luca
Augello, Laura	DiFilippi, Anthony	Manniello, Rocco	Sakis, Christine
Ballek, Antonia	Dimambro, Chloe	Marando, Stefana	Sanchez, Andres
Barone, Elizabella	Diminich, Brianna	Marrone, Amalia	Sanchez, Ashley
Barone, Victoria	Diminich, Gabriella	McElligott, Ryan	Sanchez, Daniel
Barreca, Jaylyn	Donofrio, Dylan	Melendez, Julian	Sankerdial, Marissa
Barretta, Giuliana	Edelman, Anton	Melone, Luca	Santiago, Skylar
Baumer, Christopher	Eivers, Sean	Moller, Dominic	Santiago, Ysabella
Beaver, Jake	Espinoza, Michael	Molloy, Thomas	Scaccia, Gianpiero
Becker, Kerry	Falzone, Antonella	Mongui, Sophia	Sciarrillo, Isabella
Bologna, Lilianna	Falzone, Leah	Muellers, Hayden	Spadaro, Ana
Bonaventura, Gianna	Famoso, Leilah	Muzzatti, Mia	Sterlacci, Vivianna
Buntic, Jozo	Famoso, Marco	Neos, Emma	Stiehl, Gianna
Caliendo, Sofia	Gaito, Angelica	Neos, Joseph	Tomao, Juliana
Caliendo, Valentina	Galia, Angelina	Neos, Olivia	Tountasakis, Daniella
Carnazza, Annabella	Galia, Sofia	Nolan, Brooke	Triolo, Margaret
Caroleo, Sofia	Gregoriano, Giuseppe	Norris, Ava	Turano, Vivienne
Carpinelli, Angelina	Heslop, Matthew	Norris, Luke	Vasquez, Elysia
Cecchetti, Aiden	Hillig, Jackson	Oliveri, Gabrielle	Velaoras, Thomas
Cicolini, Isabella	Hyman, Kendal	Panetta, Anthony	Vene, Sophia
Civitano, Vincent	Kimmel, Vita	Parlante, John	Viola, Carmelina
Conde, Alicia	King, John	Pizzurro, Ryan	Vira, John
Conzatti, Alyssa	Kurtz, Georgia	Primachenko, Lily	Vojar, Kelly
Costanza, Nicholas	LaPenna, Beckham	Reiman, Julianna	Wakie, Amanda
Deluca, Jennifer	Lentini, Michael	Reiman, Thomas	Zubcic, Andrew

We are pleased to share this information with your parish members, so they may be aware of the students' intellectual achievements.

Sincerely,

Patrick McLaughlin
 Principal

Christmas Tree Lighting



A beautiful illuminated cross and sign stand out front to remind us this year, the Christmas Tree was dedicated in memory of Zdravko "Sal" Colak

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:
January 11, 2025
February 15, 2025
March 1, 2025
No Baptisms during Lent

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2024
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.
May they rest in peace.*

Epiphany Parish Volunteer Party

Saturday, January 4 at 6:00 PM

All adult ministers, committee members, and those who volunteer in any way are invited to a celebration to thank you for your service to our parish community.

Name: _____

Ministry: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 29

Return this form in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.



SYMBOLON

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED
Part I - Knowing the Faith

Join us for an experience of
ADULT FAITH FORMATION.

Knights of Columbus will satisfy
COR
by participating.

Saturdays in 2025 after the 8:30 AM Mass

January 25	The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love
February 1	Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & the Compass of Our Lives
February 8	The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity
March 1	The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, & Redemption
March 8	Who Is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives
March 15	The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection
March 22	The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us
March 29	Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church
April 5	Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints
April 12	The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?

in the Monsignor Tosi Pastoral Center

All are welcome!

Please respond by January 19

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Enclose \$25 if you would like to purchase the Participant's Guide

Christmas Tree Light Memorials

<p>Merry Christmas from Doreen Ann Stiso to Mr & Mrs. Anthony Stiso and their children Anthony & James Mr. & Mrs. Adam King & their children Eva & Russell</p> <p>In loving memory of Vincenzo & Rosa Durante</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from The Dierks Family In loving memory of Henry Dierks Wilhelm Wilps Lina Wilps-Stuchlik Maria Schroeder Sal Colak</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Anne Nolan In loving memory of Evelyn & James Agnew Pat, Jack, Andy, Nora & John Nolan Michael, Kathleen & Evelyn Gavin Jean Walsh, Joe & Jean Gavin Deceased members of the Nolan, Gavin and Ford Families Kate Tierney</p>
<p>Merry Christmas Franz & Jeanine Nuccio In loving memory of Antonino & Giuseppa Nuccio</p>	<p>Merry Christmas To the DiNatale Family</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Mr. & Mrs. Rosario Purpura In loving memory of Deceased members of the Gioacopelli Family Deceased members of the Purpura Family</p>
<p>Merry Christmas from Sandra & Family In loving memory of Armando Campos</p>	<p>Merry Christmas To Patricia & the Gambino Family</p>	
<p>Merry Christmas from Martha Pelaez In loving memory of Jose E. Pelaez</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Ruby Pelaez In loving memory of Jose E. Pelaez</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Jose Toral In loving memory of Manuel & Olga Toral</p>
<p>Merry Christmas Camile In loving memory of Jeanette Ganguzza</p>	<p>Merry Christmas To Joey, Emma & Ben In loving memory of Deceased members of the Caruso and DiNatale Families</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Patrice Woehling In loving memory of Harry & Cecil Woehling Gertrude Lynch</p>

<p>Merry Christmas from Sandra & Family In loving memory of Jose E. Pelaez</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Yasmine & Sandra In loving memory of Jean-Eddy</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Lynn Schwartz In loving memory of Marshall Schwarz</p>
<p>Merry Christmas from Gloria In loving memory of Walter Schwarz Jean Schwarz Henry Schwarz Mary Selecky John Selecky Edward R. Walsh Annie Walsh Edward J. Walsh</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Gina Sacco Marando In loving memory of Frank Marando Gina Sacco Giuseppe Sacco Mario Polito Annie Bevin Kieran Bevin Rodger Bevin</p>	
<p>Merry Christmas from Antoinette Barretta In loving memory of Salvatore Barretta Pietro & Giovanna Barretta Frank & Baby Barretta Lea & Peneope Moarman Frank & Frances Costanza Joseph Costansa & Enzo Fuoco Gene & Ben Barton William Mlynarick Donato Romano All Saints and Souls</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from Carol Gilio In loving memory of Rose and George Grasso Marie and Louis Gilio Michael Grosso Lisa Gaspar George Kovalik Msgr. John Tosi Valerie Balsamo Rocca Caringella Antoinette Nicolosi Frank Morelli</p>	



Teen and Adult Coat Drive



WHEN: December 1st through January 4th
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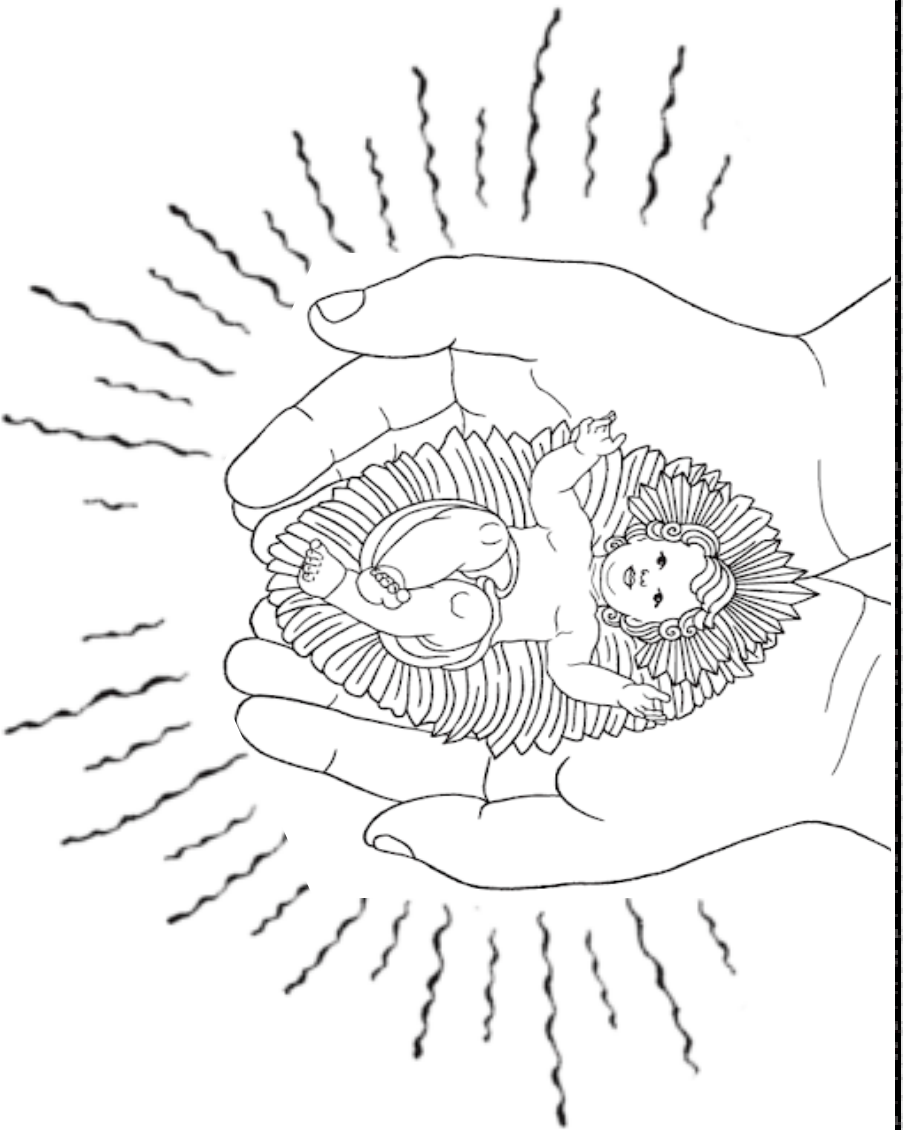
 

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After the blessing, the children will take the Baby Jesus back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, the youngest member of the family would then place the Baby Jesus in the crib.

*God, our Father
you so loved humankind
that you sent us your only Son Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.*

*We pray that with your Blessing
these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of your presence and
love in our homes.*

*Good Father,
give your Blessing to us too,
to our parents, to our families and
to our friends.*

*Open our hearts,
so that we may be able to
receive Jesus in joy,
always do what he asks
and see him in all those
who are in need of our love.*

*We ask you this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son
who comes to give the world peace.
He lives and reigns forever and ever.*

Amen.



DATE	ENGLISH TITLE	LATIN TITLE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
December 17	<input type="radio"/> Wisdom	<input type="radio"/> Sapientia	Isaiah 11:2-3	Luke 2:46-47
December 18	<input type="radio"/> Lord	<input type="radio"/> Adonai	Isaiah 33:22	Matthew 21:9
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December 21	<input type="radio"/> Radiant Dawn	<input type="radio"/> Oriens	Isaiah 9:2	Matthew 24:29-30
December 22	<input type="radio"/> King of All Nations	<input type="radio"/> Rex Gentium	Isaiah 9:6	Luke 1:33
December 23	<input type="radio"/> God Is With Us	<input type="radio"/> Emmanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23

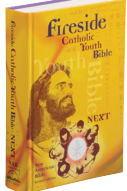
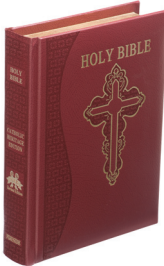


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