

ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent

DECEMBER 22, 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 Bendiction at 4:30PM.

DEVOTIONS

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

The Miraculous Medal Novena follows Noon Mass every Monday.

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

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

THE SACRAMENTS

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

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

Ministry to the Sick

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

SAINT LUKE SCHOOL www.slswhitestone.org

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

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

Volunteers are always welcome.

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 21

- 8:30 Fr. Fabian Grifone
- **5:00** Francisco Delapava, Theresa, Giuseppe, Maria, Gemma & Silvano 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, Anime Bisognose del Purgatorio
- 10:30 Riko Licul
- 12:00 Innocent, Mary, & Frank Morsa
- 5:00 Philip & Gloria D'Alessio

Monday, December 23

12:00 Americo DeAngelis

Tuesday, December 24

12:00 Zdravko "Sal" Colak 4:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance

- 6:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance
- 10:00 Christmas Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, December 25

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

Thursday, December 26

12:00 Deceased members of the Brady & Tierney Family

Friday, December 27 12:00 Frank Varlese

Saturday, December 28

- 8:30 Valerie Balsamo
- **5:00** Dinka Cota, Joseph & Angela Giglio, L,eslie Thorsen, For healing and recovery of Yunuen Aguilera Garcia

Sunday, December 29

- 7:30 Pro Populo
- 9:00 Frank Morelli, Assocazione Sacchese San Silvestro
- **10:30** Purgatorial Society
- 12:00 Salvatore & Ignazio Mattina
- **5:00** Jeanette Guarino

MEMORIALS



The Altar Bread is given in memory of Francesco DeSario Requested by Maria Capri

The Altar Wine is given in memory of Francesco DeSario Requested by Maria Capri

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of Dominick Muscatelli Requested by Anne Durkin

The Altar Candles are given in memory of Dominick Valenza Requested by Fran Bandarick-Kelly and 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 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



Anna Marretta Mariano Rosado

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends,

December 15	
5:00PM	247
7:30AM	71
9:00AM	76
10:30AM	304
12:00PM	175
5:00PM	135
TOTAL	1008

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent we hear about the Visitation. Both Elizabeth and Mary hear remarkable news through God's messenger, and now they have the chance to spend time with one another. I have always loved Mother Teresa's insight for this special moment: *The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize him in the womb of his own mother, was a child: John the Baptist. It is wonderful; God chooses an unborn child to announce the coming of his redeeming Son.* Sometimes, if we are humble enough, we can be profoundly impacted by the witness of a child ... *from the mouths of babes*

Bishop Chappetto has left to spend the holidays with his family; he will be back later in January. Many parishioners will also travel for the holidays, and many more will visit locally in the days ahead. We welcome all our neighbors and friends who will be joining us as we celebrate Christmas. It is always wonderful when former parishioners return, and when new people call St. Luke "home." It is a special time of year, and we ask God to bless us abundantly as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus together in church and then at home with family and friends.



For Christmas this week, we will celebrate three Masses on Christmas Eve and three on Christmas Day. We will have a Children's Mass at 4:00 PM, and our parish children will reenact the Nativity scene during the proclamation of the gospel. At 6:00 PM, we will celebrate another Vigil Mass, and at 10:00 PM we will celebrate "Mass During the Night." Then, on Christmas Day, we will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM in Italian, and then at 10:30 AM and Noon.



Here at St. Luke we are truly blessed with staff members and volunteers who do so much to provide for the spiritual, pastoral, and social needs of our community. Anything you see listed in the bulletin as occurring here at the parish requires someone to organize, prepare, and make sure that all the details are in order before anyone arrives for the event. On January 4th we will have an Epiphany Party for all parish staff and volunteers so we can enjoy time with one another and express our gratitude for the stewardship of time, talent and treasure of so many. I hope many will join us!

On behalf of the clergy and staff, I extend to all parishioners, friends, and neighbors our prayerful best wishes for a blessed and Merry Christmas!

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

Masses, Praye	WEEKLY SCHEDULE er Groups, Meetings and Parish Events	AL 1070
SUNDAY December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Italian Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 5:00 PM Mass	<i>Welcome</i> TO St. Luke Church
MONDAY December 23	12:00 Noon Mass	MISSION STATEMENT As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in Communion with the Universal Church,
TUESDAY December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	12:00 Noon Mass 3:00PM Youth Choir Practice 4:00 PM Christmas Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Mass 8:30 PM Senior Choir Practice 10:00PM Christmas Mass at Night	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.
WEDNESDAY December 25 <i>The Nativity of Our</i> <i>Lord</i>	9:00 AM Christmas Mass 10:30 AM Christmas Mass 12:00 Noon Christmas Mass	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
THURSDAY December 26 Saint Stephen, the First Martyr	12:00 Noon Mass 7:30 PM Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	At 11:15 am from Monday to Friday, parishioners pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
FRIDAY December 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	12:00 Noon Mass 7:30 PM AA	If you wish to register as a parishioner
SATURDAY December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass	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
SUNDAY December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Italian Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 5:00 PM Mass	census card online. Please check our website: stlukewhitestone.org Kindly let us know if you would like to receive weekly offering envelopes.

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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.



Rennaisance at Christmastide

with Jessica Tranzillo Aida Skaraite Evan Katsefes Henry Griffin

Friday, January 3, 2025 at 7:00 in the evening

St. Luke Church, Whitestone, NY



SUNDAY

December 15, 2024

\$15,184

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.

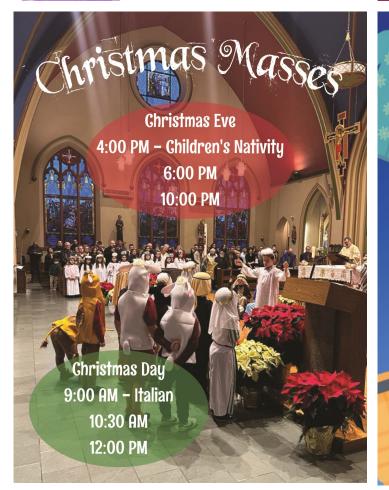
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St. Luke's Church 1634 Clintonville St. Whitestone, NY 11357

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Teen and Adult Coat Drive

WHEN: December 1st through January 4th WHERE: Rectory of St. Fidelis 123-06 14th Ave College Point, NY 11356

Donors can leave donations in bags at the rectory during business hours specifying that they are for Sr. Ruth's Street Outreach.

Used coats are fine if they are gently used and cleaned

VICKIE Paladino

new york city council





Thank you to ALL the students of the I.A.C.E. Italian School for a beautiful Christmas Concert! Thank you to Damiana, all the wonderful volunteers and teachers for your hard work and preparations.





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



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.



Pray for those who have lost loved ones. May they rest in peace. Thank You Saint Luke Choirs for a wonderful Advent and Christmas Concert! On December 8th the Senior and Youth Choir led our Parish through a beautiful Choral selection of music, centered on the Magnificat. They did a wonderful job!

> Luciano Amoroso Connor Bowles Ariana Ryan Maureen Ryan David Purich Ann Skaats Margaret Abel Patricia Kistner

Matteo Amoroso Steven Skaats Mary Pollini Louigi Purich Judy Miglino Joseph Conforti Rose LiVecchi Angela Kistner Olivia Garcia Penelope Pardo Claudia Morelli Patricia Shea Frank Regan Ralph DeMattia Rosemary Holdampf Steve Hoffacker









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.

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





"Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man,

woman and child, regardless of their condition.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone."

-Francis, 'Admirabile Signum', 2019, para. 10

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.



CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED Part I - Knowing the Faith

Join us for an experience of

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Knights of Columbus will satisfy

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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

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

Merry Christmas from The Parone Family In loving memory of Nelson Copete Merry Christmas from Theresa and Miranda In loving memory of Riko Licul Tulliot Celeste Zazzi Luigi & Dina Zazzi Marie Zazzie Bruno & Emma Barsoli Merry Christmas To Judy DeAngelis Marie DiTucci The O'Connor Family Sister Katherine Burke Sister Theresa Agliardi From

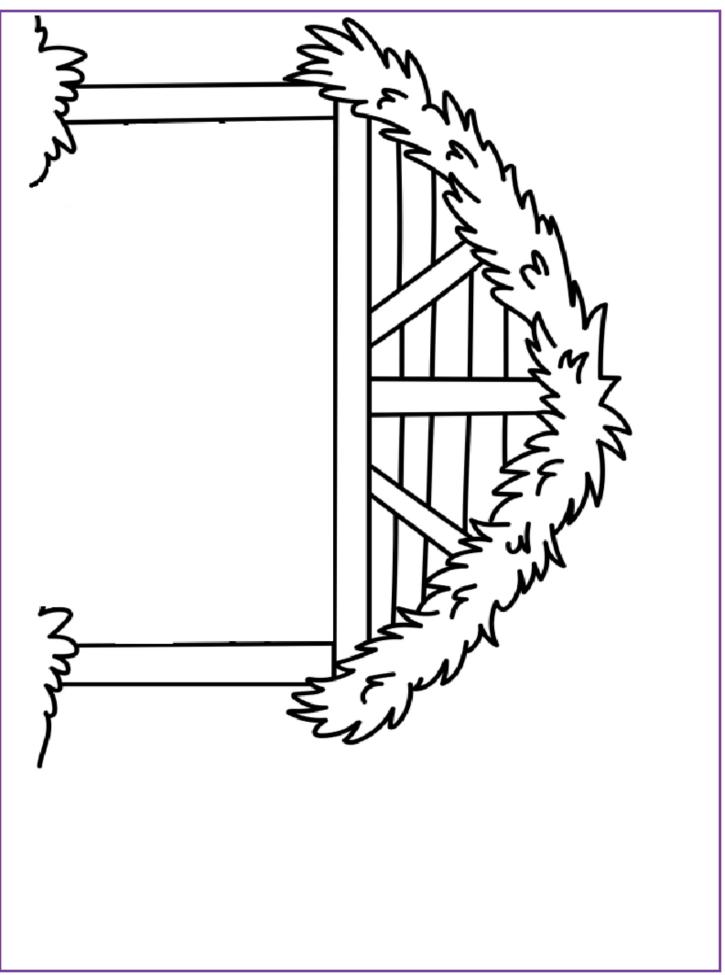
Damian & Lisa Scardamaglia

Merry Christmas from Peter & Deidre Zuccarello & Sons In loving memory of Giuseppe Zuccarello

Giuseppe Zuccarello Luigi & Rosa Romano Pietro & Maddalena Zuccarello Nina Consiglio Ellen & Dennis Ring Julia & David Fleming Sheila McCabe Kate Tierney Jeremiah Ring Sal Colak

Merry Christmas from Damian & Lisa Scardamaglia In loving memory of Msgr. John C. Tosi Sister Catherine T. Reilly Damiano & Maria Scardamaglia Michael Connell Michael J. Connell Deceased Members of the Connell Family Deceased Members of the Scardamaglia Family Deceased Members of the Schneider Family Deceased Members of the Maenza Family Valerie Balsamo





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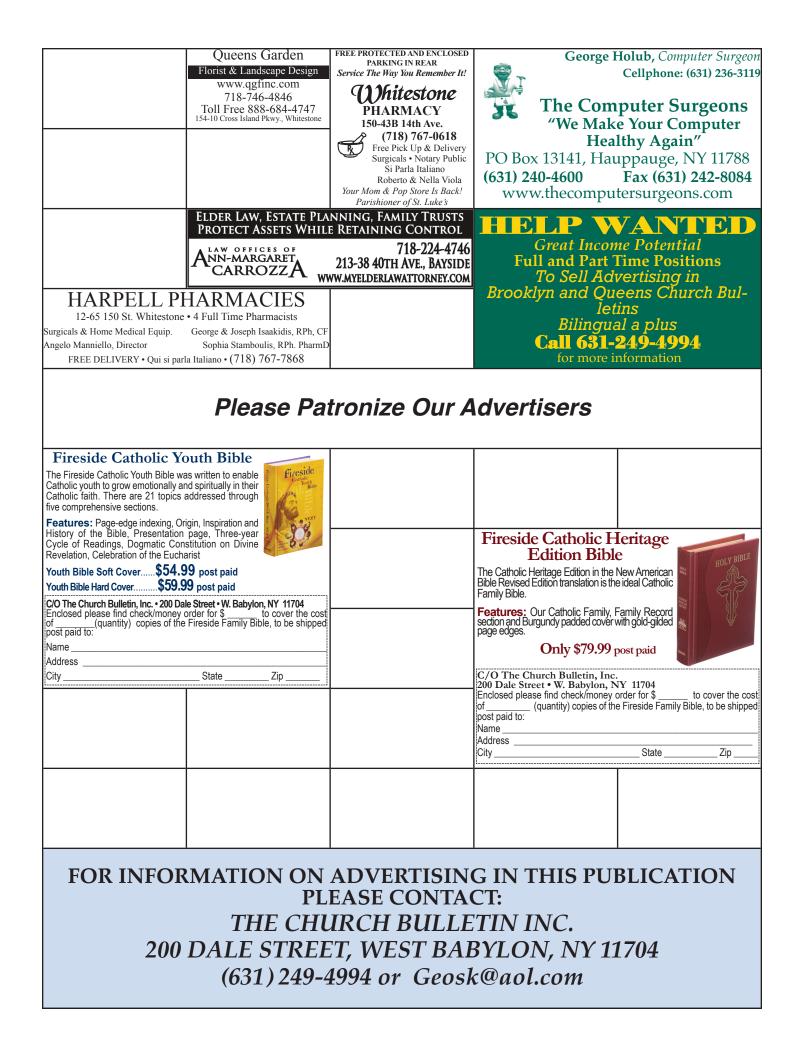
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CENTER OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES is offering evidence-based assessment & therapy services for both children & adults. The center is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM & Fridays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income only, no insurances. Please call (718) 990-1900 for information. SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER will be offering <u>FREE</u> "Hearing Aid Help", and <u>FREE</u> Speech and Hearing screenings at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. Please call (718)-990-6480

ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIPS- 12/28 -- A Winter Fun Day in Rhinebeck, NY. Come along and visit the lovely Wilderstein Historic Site, enjoy a wonderful lunch, and spend some leisure time exploring the local boutiques. Invite a friend, and meet a new one! Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Bayside invites parents/ guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com. Meetings are at 10 AM : Thursday-Dec. 5, Thursday-Jan. 9,Tuesday-Feb.11, Wednesday-Mar. 12









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