



ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 5, 2025

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, January 4

- 8:30** Casey & Adrianna Grippi
5:00 Pietro Evangelista, For healing and recovery Yunuen Aguilera Garcia, Michael Colasuonno, Antonella Mattina, Frank Morelli

Sunday, January 5

- 7:30** Pro Populo
9:00 Vincenza & Leonardo Pirrone, Stefano, Maria, Agostino & Rosario Caruso, Salvatore D'Amico
10:30 Franica Rucando
12:00 Blaz Colak
5:00 Purgatorial Society

Monday, January 6

- 12:00** Rosemary & Phil D'Alessandro

Tuesday, January 7

- 8:30** Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 Angelina & Carmine D'Amato

Wednesday, January 8

- 12:00** Katie DeCarlo

Thursday, January 9

- 8:30** Silvano Cvecic
12:00 Angelina D'Amato & the Pepe Families

Friday, January 10

- 12:00** Silvia Rauzi

Saturday, January 11

- 8:30** Luigi Romano & Vito Loiacono
5:00 Salvatore DiSalvo, Christian Paul Platt Jr., Carlos Acosta, In Honor of St. Jude, Ida Sarmiento, Pia & Domenick Franceschetti

Sunday, January 12

- 7:30** Pro Populo
9:00 Francesco & Michele DiBiase, Pio Rauzi, Giovannina DiIorio
10:30 Rosalia DiVerde—Taoimina
12:00 Maria Licul
5:00 Purgatorial Society

MEMORIALS



The Altar Bread is given in memory of
Salvatore Oppedisano
Requested by
Peter Ciotti

The Altar Wine is given in memory of
Salvatore Oppedisano
Requested by
Peter Ciotti

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of
Ante Kolega
Requested by
His wife Maria & Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF

<i>LORRAINE ALLESI</i>	<i>MADELINE KARLITZ</i>
<i>ANTHONY BALDO</i>	<i>LILY MORALES</i>
<i>SELENE BELESIS</i>	<i>KATHLEEN O'CONNELL</i>
<i>EDWARD BLAKLEY</i>	<i>GIUSEPPE RAELE</i>
<i>JOHN ANTHONY BURKE</i>	<i>JOSE MANUEL SILVA</i>
<i>EILEEN BYHENY</i>	<i>CAROLINE SAPORITO</i>
<i>GRACE DAVIS</i>	<i>MARIANNA TOTINO</i>
<i>NOREEN DONOHER</i>	<i>MARY VARLESE</i>
<i>LOUISA DUME</i>	<i>JOSEPH T. VERNICE</i>
<i>CAROLLYNN FREDA</i>	<i>MILLIE WEIGL</i>
<i>ROSA GALEJ</i>	<i>JANET</i>
<i>SR. MARY HELENE</i>	
<i>JAKUBOWSKI, RSM</i>	

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS



Eduardo Osso
Daniel F. McCarthy
Roger E. Nehme
James Barrecca

Dear Friends,

December 24/25	
5:00PM	583
7:30AM	140
9:00AM	174
10:30AM	101
12:00PM	210
5:00PM	313
TOTAL	1521
December 28/29	
5:00PM	107
7:30AM	64
9:00AM	73
10:30AM	148
12:00PM	156
5:00PM	79
TOTAL	627

I hope and pray that your New Year has started off well. Not only is it a new secular year, but, for the Catholic Church, it is a Jubilee Year. Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year – a Jubilee Year – to focus on the mercy that has been granted to us through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. Holy Doors are opened in the Major Basilicas in Rome, and in Cathedral Churches all around the world. Making a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year and walking through the Holy Doors gives the faithful an opportunity to gain indulgences for themselves and others and to avail themselves of the special mercy of God. Jubilee Years can also be a time to forgive debt, to set captives free, and to do other merciful acts in recognition of the salvation Jesus won for us. Pope Francis announced a theme for this Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of Hope*. We live in a world that wants us to place our hope and trust in material or imperfect realities. Our true hope is JESUS CHRIST, and so, as His disciples, we have to make a return to the Lord as pilgrims who are willing to imitate his sacrifices and follow his ways. May we accompany one another on this pilgrim journey during this Jubilee Year!

This weekend the Christmas themes continue with our celebration of the Epiphany. Some cultures call this “Little Christmas” and it is a more important celebration for them at this time of year. An “epiphany” is a new insight or awareness. For the Church, we celebrate today the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles represented by the magi. While Jesus was certainly sent to bring salvation to God’s chosen people, He also brought the Good News to other peoples, including Samaritans. The magi follow the star, honor the Child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and then announce the Good News as they return. Let us make a gift of our lives to God and to others as we share God’s grace and mercy in our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.



At the end of the month we will begin a 10-week faith formation program called *Symbolon*. It’s available on our parish subscription to FORMED, but sometimes programs like that are more fruitful when they are done in a small group setting. Each week there is a video presentation, followed by a discussion of the topic presented. The optional workbook provides additional information and is a good resource. We have several parishioners already signed up, so I look forward to the experience with all who wish to participate. *Symbolon* actually has two 10-week programs, so we will likely continue the program next fall. What a great way to engage in the Jubilee Year! Please RSVP as soon as possible and let me know if you would like me to purchase a workbook for you.

Other ideas for personal spiritual growth:

- Fr. Mike Schmitz’s podcasts: *The Bible in a Year* and/or *The Catechism in a Year*
- FORMED has so many wonderful programs, films, etc.
- Come to Daily Mass
- Join the choir
- Become a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

With love and prayers for a blessed and Happy New Year!
Fr. John Costello

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY January 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Italian Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 5:00 PM Mass
MONDAY January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	12:00 Noon Mass 6:30 PM Italian School
TUESDAY January 7 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 6:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY January 8 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	12:00 Noon Mass 7:30 PM Sunday Scripture Sharing
THURSDAY January 9 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 1:00 PM Golden Age Club
FRIDAY January 10 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 Noon Mass 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA
SATURDAY January 11 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
SUNDAY January 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</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.



Monday to Friday, at 11:15am parishioners pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass. All are welcome!

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

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

You can even download the census card online.

Please check our website:

stlukewhitestone.org

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

2025 Memorials Available

January—June

The following memorials are available each week for a \$50 offering:

ALTAR BREAD

ALTAR WINE

SANCTUARY LAMP

ALTAR CANDLES

We Remember

Collective Intentions Mass

Several times a year we celebrate a Collective Intentions Mass, on a Saturday at Noon, for parishioners to have the opportunity to remember their loved ones. We celebrate these to memorialize the special anniversaries of our loved one's passing.

Our organist and cantor are there to help lead and accompany our celebration.

Upcoming Dates

January 18, 2025

\$50 offering is requested.

Low Gluten Hosts Are Available

Please come to the sacristy before Mass so it can be set up for you and then consecrated during the mass.



four WAYS to GIVE
at Saint Luke's

SUNDAY

Sunday 12/29/24
\$13,396
Christmas Day
\$14,181
Christmas Gift
\$27,740
Christmas Mass Remembrance
\$2,693



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



Drop Off or In-Person
You may drop off your envelopes in the collection basket at mass or in the rectory office.



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



Online Giving
Scan this code or visit our platform online at givecentral.org/location/614

St. Luke Parish GOAL: \$100,274

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We are over our goal!

So far ...
214 donors
\$118,557 pledged
118% of goal
Avg. gift: \$554.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Stephanoff
Mr. & Mrs. Virgilio Virtucio

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

Thank you!

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.

AUTO DONATIONS

The Associated Vincentian Charities will take any car, truck, or van, running or not, and donate \$75 to \$200 to St. Luke Church.

Any condition, free towing, and IRS tax deduction.

Call

Visit us at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

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

Saturday Adoration

Spend some time with Our Lord

3:30 till 4:30
During Confessions

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:

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 14, 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.*



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



**Saturday, March 29
1:00 PM**

Grand Marshal
Tony Jackson

Aides to the Grand Marshal
Kathleen Cadigan, Very Rev. John Costello, Tim Farrell,
Lena Kelly, Glen Lynch, Sean McDonald,
John Monahan, Brendan Mullane,
Paul Nica, Maureen O'Neill, Rev. Frank Shannon

Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 15, 2025
7:00 PM

Leonard's Palazzo
555 Northern Boulevard, Great Neck
The McLean Avenue Band

Tickets \$125 per person
includes cocktail hour, open bar,
sit-down dinner, and live music

RSVP by February 1, 2025

Betty McLoughlin
718-352-2452 - (cell) 347-613-1303

Mary McAuley
718-631-0552 - (cell) 347-944-7164

Journal Ad Deadline - February 1, 2025
Kathleen Cadigan
baysidejournal@aol.com - 917-599-7532

Women's Conference

*Blessed Virgin Mary:
The First Pilgrim of Hope*

Immaculate Conception Center
Save the date
Saturday, April 5, 2025

- Bilingual Mass
- Presentations

More Information to Follow

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. LUKE
MARDI GRAS FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL 2025

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
1-4 pm
(after the 12 pm Family mass)
Pre-Registration Required

PRIZES
CRAFTS
CARNIVAL GAMES
FACE PAINTING
PHOTO WALL

FEATURING MAGIC BY ANTHONY

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

This spring, join
ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
 for online and in-person degree and
 certificate programs in Catholic Theology



REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2025 IS OPEN!

CONTACT ADMISSIONS NOW!
 914-367-8145 | sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu
 www.dunwoodie.edu



Young At
 Heart

St. Luke Golden Age Club

Come join the fun
 Thursdays at 1:00PM
 in the **Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center**
 Everyone is welcome!

The Mary Louis Academy

Congratulations to the following
 students who achieved Honor Roll

The Principal's List:

Sophia Bortot

Kayla Colombo

Hanna Vojar

First Honors:

Reese Powell

Liliana Tavarez

Second Honors:

Linda D'Alessandro

Kaitlin Joyce

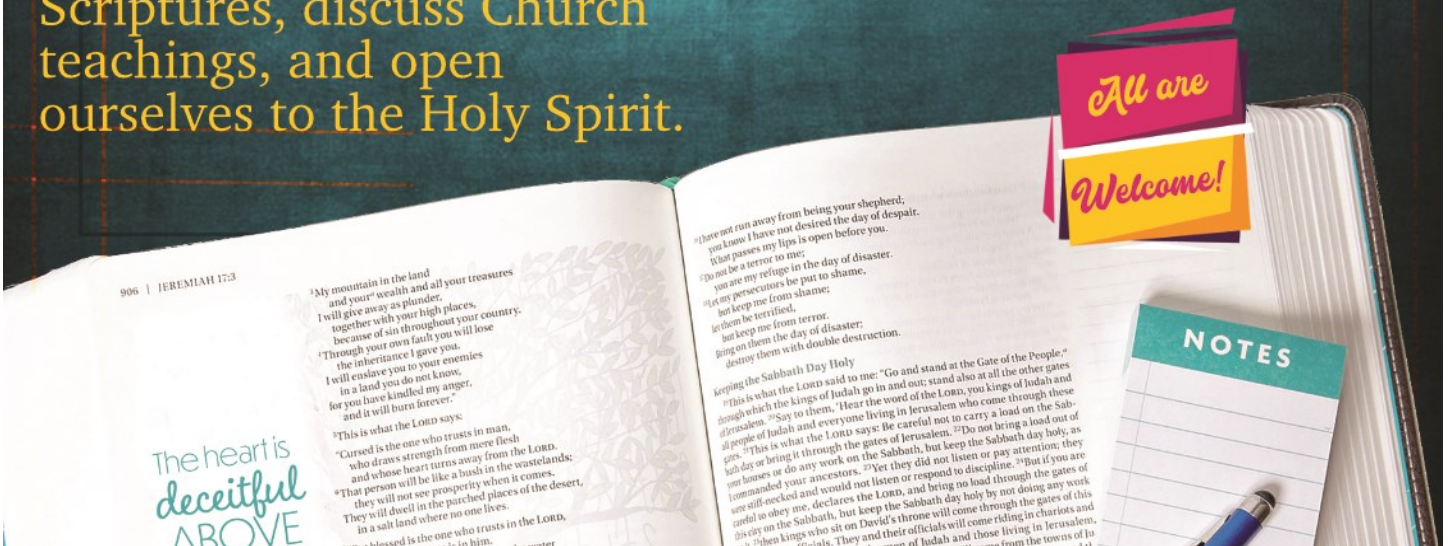
We are very proud of your hard work
 and accomplishments.

Sunday Scripture Sharing

with Deacon John Kramer

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

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
 Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center



St. Lukes Christmas Nativity



Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Leader: *The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."*

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.
Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

Reader: "The Gospel of the Lord."

R/. "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.
R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Chalk the door, door frame, or plaque with 20+C+M+B+25

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example "We Three Kings."

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

Center for Psychological Services is offering evidence-based assessment & therapy services for both children & adults. The center is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM & Fridays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income only, no insurances. Please call (718) 990-1900 for [information](#).

Speech & Hearing Aid Center will be offering FREE "Hearing Aid Help", and FREE Speech and Hearing screenings at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. Please call (718)-990-6480

Looking for Free & Fun Activities — Visit nycgovparks.org website for free events happening all around the city in our parks - including guided tours by park rangers, seasonal activities and more. You'll also find programs for seniors and kids. Some require pre-sign up, but all are free.

Theology Degree and Certificate Programs—this Spring join St. Joseph's Seminary for 100% online or in-person degree and certificate programs in Catholic Theology! Registration for Spring 2025 is open. Contact Admission at 914-367-8145, or sjsacademics@dunwoddie.edu.

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY—Looking to finish your degree? We offer a fully online bachelor's degree for adults with a convenient form. For more information contact the Office of Enrollment (516) 323-4411 or enrollonline@molloy.edu

Special Needs Parent Group—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. Meetings are at 10 AM : Thursday-Jan. 9, Tuesday-Feb.11, Wednesday-Mar. 12
For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at Shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com.

Flushing First Friday Club—Please join us on January 3rd for our Mass and luncheon at 12 Noon at Verdi's of Whitestone. Cost is \$48. Our Guest Speaker is Rev. James King, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome.

ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIP-- 1/11 -- Hudson Valley Adventure Tour will take us to a quaint hamlet for a glimpse into the past. We will also enjoy a lovely lunch and leisure time to browse the local shops. Early RSVP a must!
Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941.

Mulchfest-Say fir-well to your holiday tree at NYC Parks on Christmas Tree Chipping Weekend
Francis Lewis Park-Third Avenue and Whitestone Expressway Service Road
Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Francis J. Dillon 5872
 Visit kofc.org/joinus
 Use promo code: **Blessed McGivney**

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

Contact: Damian
 Cell 516-375-2663
Dscardamaglia@slswhitestone.org

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

Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 7+

January 5, 2025 • Ephesians 3:2-6

The Administration of God's Grace

Something had been revealed to Paul by God. What did he call it?



Complete the time problems. Put the boxed letters in the blanks.

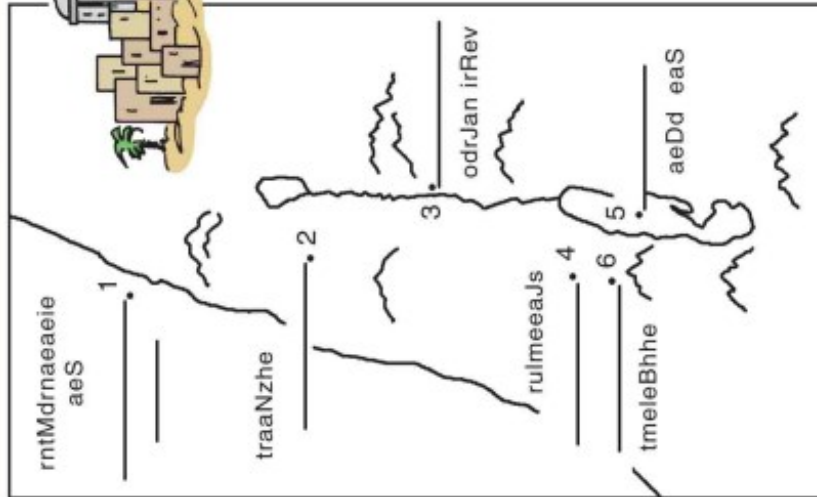
- 4 weeks = 1
- 365 days = 1
- 1/60 of 1 minute = 1
- 1/60 of 1 hour = 1
- 7 days = 1
- 60 minutes = 1
- 24 hours = 1



The Magi Seek Jesus

Find out about where Jesus was born.

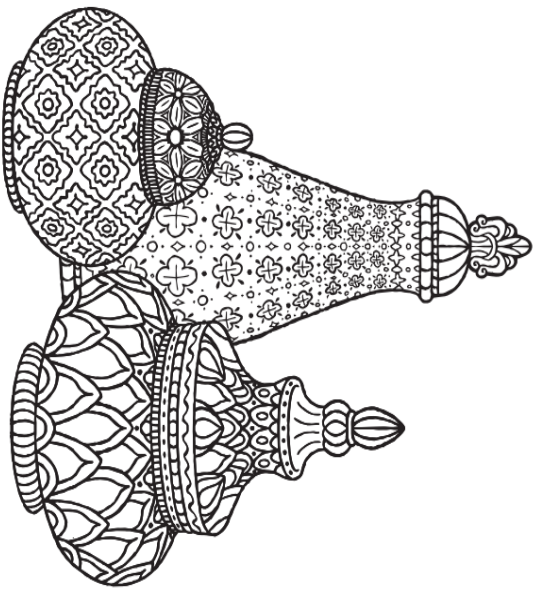
Unscramble the words on the map. Use the words in the box to help you. Then fill in the blanks below.



- Jordan River
- Bethlehem
- Nazareth
- Jerusalem
- Dead Sea
- Mediterranean Sea

- Joseph and Mary were from 2) _____.
- They went to 6) _____ for the census. Jesus was born in 6) _____.
- Later in his life, Jesus was baptized at the 3) _____.

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Celebrating Epiphany

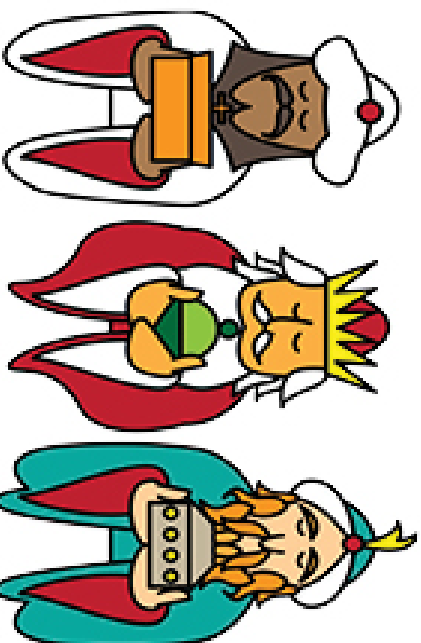
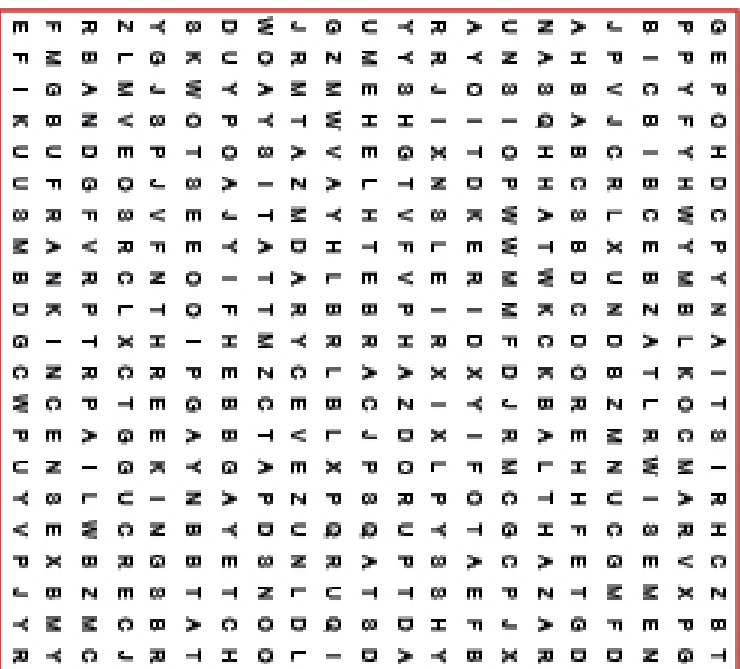
The magi (or wise men) traveled far to worship Jesus and brought Him three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Gold was for Jesus because He is the King of kings. The frankincense was because He is the great High Priest. And the myrrh was for the sacrifice He would make on the Cross.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+25. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house." Writing on the door also brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within.

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

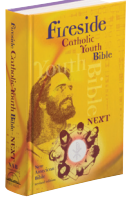
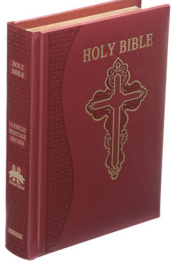
- BABY
- BALTHAZAR
- BAPTISM
- BETHEHEM
- CASPAR
- CHRISTIAN
- EPIPHANY
- FEAST
- FIRST MIRACLE
- FRANKINCENSE
- GOLD
- HEROD
- HOLIDAY
- HOPE
- JANUARY
- JESUS
- MAGI
- MELCHIOR
- MYRRH
- REVELATION
- SIXTH
- STAR
- SUNDAY
- THREE KINGS
- TWELFTH DAY
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