

ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fith Sith Sunday in Ordinary Line EBRUARY 16, 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 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, February 15

- 8:30 Justin Ramos
- **5:00** Frank Morelli, Benjamin Otto Platt, Vincent Tierney, Lidilia Morales, Nicoletta Marraccino

Sunday, February 16

- **7:30** Pro Populo
- **9:00** Salvatore D'Amico, Lucia Migliaccio (1st Anniversary)
- **10:30** Eugene & Maryann Poliniak
- 12:00 Emma & Bruno Barsoli, Celeste & Tullo Zazzi
- **5:00** Purgatorial Society

Monday, February 17

9:30 Gerardo Rauzi

Tuesday, February 188:30No Mass12:00Amanda Roze & Bill O'Connor

Wednesday, February 19 12:00 Joseph Durkin

Thursday, February 20 8:30 No Mass 12:00 Rocco Michielli

Friday, February 21 12:00 Justin Ramos

Saturday, February 22

8:30 Teresa Boniello5:00 Frank Morelli, Susan Schliessman,

Sunday, February 23

7:30 Pro Populo

- 9:00 Nancy DiNardo, Teresa Boniello, Angela Mule, Pasquale DiPietrantonio, Damiano Petroccelli
- 10:30 Mario Suriano
- 12:00 Maria Antonia D'Anna
- **5:00** Purgatorial Society

MEMORIALS



The Altar Bread is given in memory of Antonio Nuccio Requested by Jeanine & Frank Nuccio The Altar Wine is given in memory of Antonio Nuccio Requested by Jeanine & Frank Nuccio The Altar Flowers is given in memory of Giuseppa Nuccio Requested by **Jeanine & Frank Nuccio** The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of Giuseppa Nuccio Requested by Jeanine & Frank Nuccio The Altar Candles are given in memory of Ivanka Markovic Requested by Juliana & Ivan Dic

Pray for the Sick Members of Our Parish

LORRAINE ALLESI ANTHONY BALDO SELENE BELESIS EDWARD BLAKLEY MARY BRETT JOHN ANTHONY BURKE EILEEN BYHENY GRACE DAVIS NOREEN DONOHER LOUISA DUME CAROLLYNN FREDA ROSA GALEJ ROSANNA GUMIEL SR. MARY HELENE JAKUBOWSKI, RSM MADELINE KARLITZ LILY MORALES FRANCIS XAVIER BAU NGUYEN KATHLEEN O'CONNELL GIUSEPPE RAELLE JOSE MANUEL SILVA CAROLINE SAPORITO MARIANNA TOTINO MARY VARLESE JOSEPH T. VERNICE MILLIE WEIGL

Pray for the Deceased Members of Our Parish



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

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Pre	253	5:00PM
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	107	10:30AM
197	135	12:00PM
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residents' Day brings us to midwinter recess. Many of our local schools re closed this week, including St. Luke School. I am old enough to remember when this break started as "Energy Conservation Week" in the 970s. The custom continues, and I'm sure a number of families will get way for a winter vacation, either to a warmer climate or to enjoy winter ports. Some will just stay local and keep busy with play dates and other

activities. However you spend it, don't forget Jesus on Sunday or Saturday evening!

On this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear Jesus preach the Sermon on the Plain, which includes Luke's version of the beatitudes. A few years ago, I went to the Holy Land for the second time – the first time as a priest. Since I was the only priest in the group, I had the privilege of celebrating Mass every day at all the holy places. How amazing and how humbling that was! I remember when we celebrated Mass on the Mount of the Beatitudes. There is church at the location, but it is set up with many outdoor altars so different groups can have the experience of hearing the Word proclaimed in the way that Jesus did 2,000 years ago. I remember thinking how inadequate I felt preaching in the same spot Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. As we anticipate the beginning of Lent in a few weeks, the Beatitudes are a great source of reflection for how we may choose to prepare ourselves for the 40 days. As an aside, I know several parishioners have expressed a desire to go to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage once things settle down in that part of the world. Let's pray that it might be possible soon!



On Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. At the Vatican, behind the Papal altar and Bernini's magnificent baldacchino, there is a sanctuary that honors this feast with another beautiful bronze artwork by Bernini. The Chair of St. Peter symbolizes the authority given to Peter and his successors by Jesus Himself. The chair is held aloft by four

doctors of the Church: St. Ambrose and St. Augustine representing the western tradition, and St. John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius representing the eastern tradition. Above the sculpture is the only "stained-glass" window in St. Peter's Basilica. The window is actually alabaster, and it depicts the Holy Spirit. The altar of the Chair of St. Peter is very special to me and most alumni of the Pontifical North American College. For many years, American seminarians studying in Rome have been ordained deacons at this altar. I was ordained a deacon there on April 6, 1989 by Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco. As we celebrate the feast next Saturday, let us pray in a special way for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that the Lord will continue to guide him as he leads the Church as the Vicar of Christ on earth, especially during this Jubilee Year of hope.

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello

	WEEKLY S	CHEDULE	
SUNDAY February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
MONDAY February 17			in
TUESDAY February 18	6:30 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	
WEDNESDAY February 19	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal Sunday Scripture Sharing	p
THURSDAY February 20	7:30 PM	Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	
FRIDAY February 21	7:30 PM	AA	Mo I C
SATURDAY February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	3:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions	li co Ree v
SUNDAY February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			ĸ
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[])elcome

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 A memorial with a fresh arrangement of ALTAR FLOWERS week for a \$50 offering: is available weekly with an offering of \$100. **ALTAR BREAD ALTAR WINE ALTAR CANDLES** SANCTUARY LAMP Memorials will be printed in the bulletin weekly and cards are available upon request in the rectory. Week of March 2-8 Week of April 6-12 Week May 4-10 **Altar Candles** Altar Bread Altar Bread Week of March 9-15 Altar Wine Altar Wine Altar Wine Sanctuary Lamp Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 16-22 Altar Candles Altar Candles Altar Wine Week of May 11-17 Week of April 20-26 Week of March 23-29 Altar Bread Altar Bread Altar Bread Altar Wine Altar Wine Altar Wine Sanctuary Lamp Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 30-April 5 **Altar Candles Altar Candles** Altar Bread Week of April 27- May 3 Week of May 18-24 Sanctuary Lamp Altar Bread Altar Bread Altar Wine Altar Wine Sanctuary Lamp Sanctuary Lamp Altar Candles Altar Candles

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 Date March 15, 2025

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.

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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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Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

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St. Luke Parish Goal \$104503

Thank you for a great response to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal!

For the first time since the pandemic, our goal has been adjusted - it has been increased by just over \$4,000.

Please help us to meet and surpass our goal this year!



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February 17, 2025

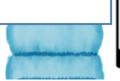
Monday Mass 9:30 AM Office Closed

School is Closed No 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesday or Thursday

SUNDAY

Sunday 2/9/2025 \$9,320

Catholic Education \$1,146









Saturday March 1st, 2025 5:00pm Sports Mass Followed by SLAA Party 6:00pm to 9:30pm

SCAN ME









Come out and show your St Lukes Sports Association spirit. We are hosting a Sports Mass and party for all our teams and association members. Wear your favorite St Lukes team jersey to Mass and then join us for a sports party for you and your family in the lower church. Music, food and drinks will be served. Come join us!

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AFTERNOON PROGRAM 12:45 to 1:45 PM in church

Prayerfully reflect on the previous Sunday's gospel with Sr. Theresa Agliardi and Mary Pollini. EVENING PROGRAM 7:00 to 8:00 PM in church

Prayer, Scripture, Music, and a presentation on the Gospel from the previous Sunday.

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offering

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH Led by the Spirit: "It is written ..."

Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn; Resident of St. Luke Rectory

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH Witness to the Transfiguration: "It is good that we are here."

Rev. Nicholas Colalella Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Hope Church, Middle Village

> TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH The Fruitless Fig Tree: "It may bear fruit in the future."

> > Sr. Karen Cavanagh, CSJ Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST The Prodigal Returns: "He was lost, and has been found."

> Donna McCabe Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH Throwing Stones: "And they went away one by one."

Rev. Patrick S.L. Flanagan, C.M., Ph.D. Chair & Associate Professor, St. John's University



MISSING...

Your voice in the St. Luke Choir

Sing for the Sundays of Lent and Holy Week services



Contact Jessica Smith, Director of Music for details about services, rehearsals etc. at:

St. Luke Music Ministry Whitestone, NY

Tel: 718 746-8102 ext. 30



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

718-746-8531



Upcoming Dates:

March 1, 2025 No Baptisms during Lent

Minister Training

Have you considered serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector?



Please contact Fr. John to discern how the Lord is calling you to serve our parish.

UPCOMING TRAINING

The Mary Louis Academy March 8, 2025

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

TOWN HALL MEETING



Wednesday, February 19, 2025 NEW TIME: 7:00PM GRACE CHURCH 14-15 Clintonville Street, Whitestone

> Guest Speakers: Councilmember Vickie Paladino,

NYC Sheriff Anthony Miranda,

and Paul Graziano



Let your voice be heard! Your presence matters! Let's work together to shape the future of Whitestone!

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St. Luke Church Presents 7th ANNUAL IRISH HERITAGE DAY



Mass at 12:00pm in Honor of Saint Patrick Celebration 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Pastoral Center

DOORS OPEN PROMPTLY AT 1:00PM THERE IS NO EARLY ADMITTANCE

Join us for a fun filled afternoon of food, music and live entertainment! Featuring Niall Mulligan, well-known Irish Fiddle Player and Krista Charles. The afternoon will include homemade Corned Beef and Irish Ham Sandwiches, Salad, Irish Soda Bread, Irish & Regular Coffee and Tea and so much more!!!!. 50/50 Raffle

Tables of 8 & 10 can be reserved all tickets MUST be purchased at same time!

ADMISSION - \$25.00 Children 7-12 - \$10.00 Children under 7 – Free

For tickets call:

Philomena Nicaj 917-940-0951 516-375-2766 Lisa Scardamaglia Deirdre Zuccarello 917-681-2404

Finola McCabe Mary Brennan Rectory Office

917-509-9641 347-406-4621 718-746-8102



NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

St. Mel's Italian American Association Invites everyone to join us for the last party before Lent on

February 28th at 7:00pm

Venetian Carnevale

in Father O'Malley Hall

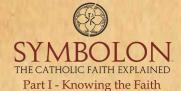
Tickets: Members \$65 & Non– Members \$70 Children 11 and under are free Cash or Checks payable to St. Mel's Italian American Association

RSVP by Feb. 21st by mail or in person St. Mel's Church 266155 154th St. , Flushing, NY 113554

Anna: 718-539-2987 or Maria 718-309-6193

We cannot accept any payments on Feb 28th.

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Saturdays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Monsignor Tosi Pastoral Center

	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?
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Join us for an experience of ADULT FAITH FORMATION. Knights of Columbus will satisfy COR by participating. BEREAVEMENT

SUPPORT

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

> Tuesday, March 4, 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.

Prayer and Scripture Study of St. Luke

All are welcome!

All Groups Meet in the Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center

Charismatic Prayer Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

> Sunday Scripture Study Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Italian Charismatic Prayer Thursdays at 7:30 PM

> Padre Pio Prayer Group Last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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

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. Next Meeting is at 10 AM Tuesday: Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6, and June 10 For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at Shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com.

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club- Join us on a trip to Windcreek Casino on Thursday, February 27. Bus leaves in front of church corner of 210 street & 35th Avenue, Bayside. Cost is \$ 38.00 get back \$25.00. For reservations & additional information call Joy at 917-921-7631.

St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers—Thursday, February 20th, 7:00 pm will be hosting an evening lecture entitled, "Resisting Physician-Assisted Suicide Insights from the Saints and the Monks" on Thursday, February 20th, at 7pm by Catholic moral theologian Dr. Charles Camosy, in St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom. Tickets: \$25 (plus fees) Registration: SISSPRING2025AcademicLecture.eventbrite.com St Joseph's Seminary Academic Office sisacademics@dunwoodie.edu or 914-968-6200 x8145

ONE DAY GETAWAY TRIP- 2/22 -- Westchester Delight Trip takes us to the charming village of Katonah, NY. We will visit a lovely Art Museum, enjoy a delicious luncheon in a villa style restaurant, and explore the petite shops. Early RSVP a must! Call Barbara - (718) 747-0941. Come enjoy a one day vacation from the winter doldrums!

NYC International Gift of Life Walk takes place on the Feast of the Annunciation, Tuesday, March 25th. Pro-Life Speaker Rebecca Kiessling, will serve as the Grand Marshal for the parade and she will be joined by special guest speaker and EWTN host, Very Reverend Chris Alar the Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. The walk is our chance to show Kathy Hochul and fellow New Yorkers that there are plenty of us who will advocate for life from conception to natural death regardless of the bills she signs into law. The voiceless of New York City and state need our prayers and our voices. The speakers begin at 11am and then we will process peacefully down the Canyon of Heroes to the Charging Bull statue at Bowling Green.

2 EVENTS-SAME DAY We will have an NYPD escort 2025 INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC



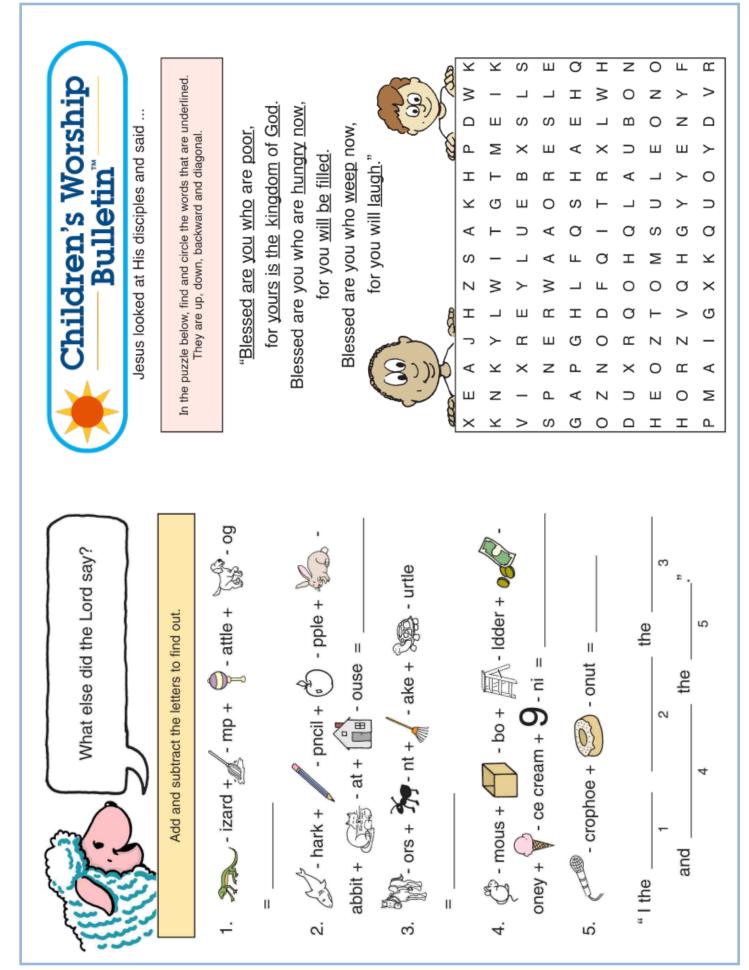
for the just under 1 mile prayer procession. A luncheon with guest speaker Father Fidelis Moscinski, a well-known Catholic priest and pro-life advocate follows the walk for those interested in purchasing tickets.

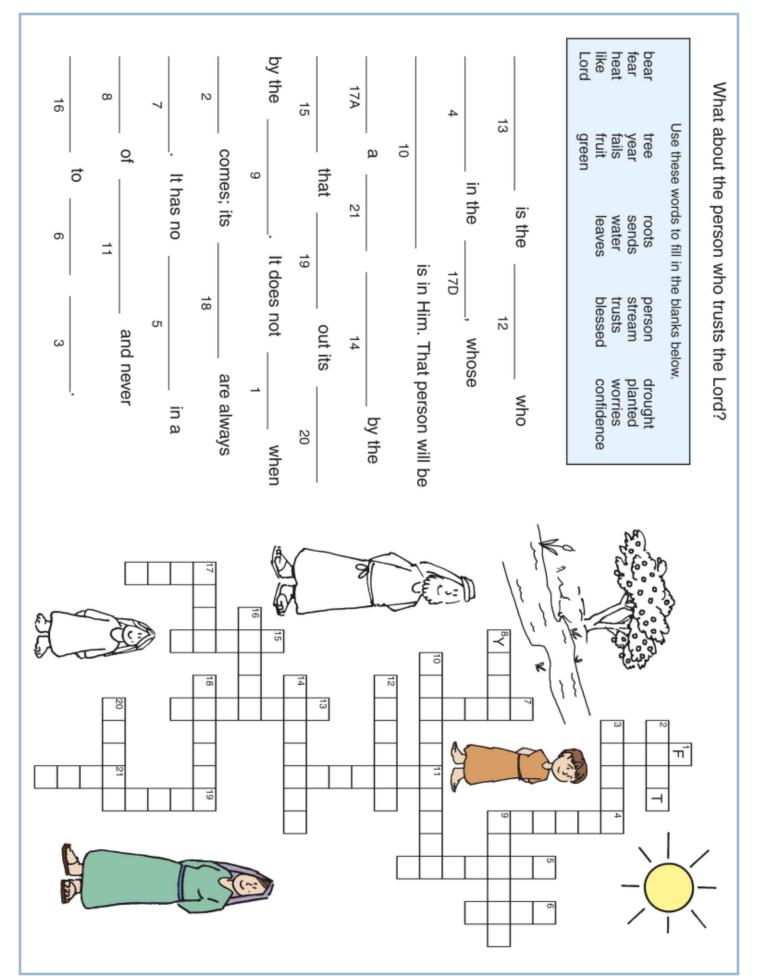
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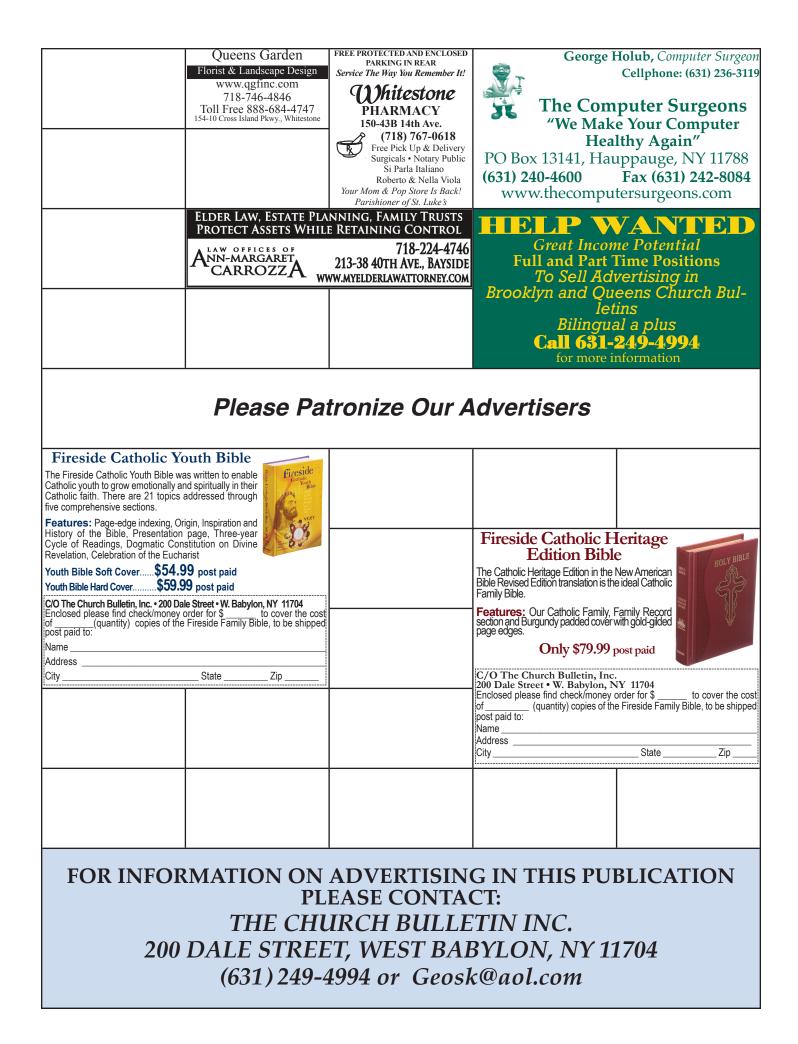
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