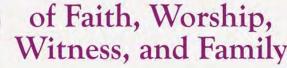
# Saint Luke R.C. Church



## The Pastoral Staff

Administrator: Rev. John J. Costello Parochial Vicars: Rev. Paul Kim Rev. Nicholas M. Colalella Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. John J. Strynkowski **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 Secretary:

Theresa Zazzi

#### 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.

#### Devotions

First Friday: Continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9AM-5PM. (except July & August)

The Holy Rosary follows the 7AM and precedes the 8:30AM and the Noon Mass each day.

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.

# Saint Luke Church

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#### Sunday Holy Masses

Saturday 5PM Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM (Italian), 10:30AM,11:45AM, 1:00PM, 5:00PM

### Daily Masses

Summer Schedule

Monday - Friday at 12 Noon Sat. 8:30AM (No Noon Mass)

### The Sacraments

**Baptism of Infants -** Please call Sister Theresa at 718-746-8531 or 718-746-8102 to schedule a baptism interview.

**Weddings** - Please contact one of the priests PRIOR TO MAKING PLANS WITH A WEDDING HALL. The Bishop requires, in all cases, that weddings be set no later than six months prior to the date.

**Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)** - Interested in becoming a Catholic? Need to receive Communion and Confirmation? Call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at (718) 746-3409.

#### Ministry to the Sick

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

#### Saint Luke School <u>WWW.SLSWHITESTONE.ORG</u>

16-01 Msgr. Dillon Place, (150 Place) Whitestone, NY 718-746-3833 Mrs. Jan Brunswick, Principal

Our school serves the community with classes from Tiny Tots through Eighth Grade Mommy & Me Class 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 718-746-3862

#### The Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, New York

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are anticipating the opening of a new academic year at St. Luke School. I met with the teachers and staff on Tuesday and I expressed my appreciation to them for all that they are doing to prepare for a most unusual start to a new school year. Please pray for all our faculty, staff, students and parents, that this school year will be safe and healthy, and a new opportunity for everyone to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace.

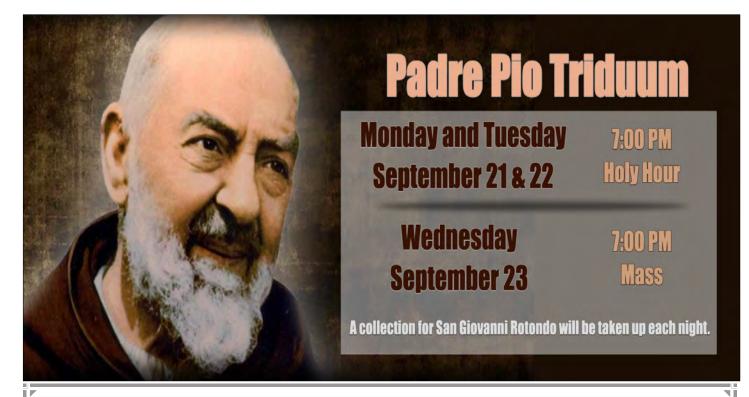
We have been back to our regular schedule of Masses since the last week of June. I thank God that all has gone well so far. As parishioners venture out more and more to a regular routine in their lives, I encourage you to consider coming back to the practice of the faith. I know there is still no obligation to attend Mass at the moment, but our souls need the regular nourishment that only in-person participation at Mass can provide. I especially encourage families to come back to church. It is important for parents to teach children by example that practicing the faith is an essential part of our call at baptism. The gospels encourage us to go beyond mere "obligation." Going to Mass regularly nourishes our soul with the Word of God and the Eucharist; interacting with our faith community surrounds us with people who hold the same values; and we certainly benefit spiritually by availing ourselves of the grace of God's mercy and love.

I want to remind everyone that the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here next weekend to collect donations of new or slightly used clothes. It's been a while since a truck has been here to the parish, and many local bins are not accepting donations because of COVID. Please take the time this week to go through your closets and drawers and get your bags ready for next weekend. I also want to remind you that St. Vincent de Paul also has an auto donation program. They arrange for the pickup of the vehicle, and they give a monetary donation to the parish of the person making the vehicle donation. You can get information by calling 718-491-2525 or emailing svdpauto@gmail.com.

I'll have the privilege of confirming the students of St. Luke School and St. Luke Religious Education Program who should have been confirmed last spring. There will be two ceremonies this week and two next week. Please pray for the young people to be confirmed, that the faith will take root in their hearts and that they will willingly and generously serve others, guided by the Holy Spirit.

On Monday and Tuesday this week there are two special feasts: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15<sup>th</sup>. While Mary knew the great joy of being the Mother of Jesus, her heart was also pierced with a sword of sorrow as she watched Him die on the cross. She knew that suffering was a part of God's plan, but she also knew that the suffering of the Cross would lead to the Glory of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother intercede on our behalf, that our sorrows may be transformed by the power of God's great love for us.

With love and prayers, Fr. John Costello



# Second Collection CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next weekend, September 19th and 20th, there will be two collections. The first collection will be for the support of our church and the second collection will be for Catholic Education.

# St. Luke is now open for Mass!

- The regular Mass has resumed as of June 29th.
- Those who are ill or showing signs of illness should NOT come to church.
- Congregation is limited to 25% capacity.
- Masks must be worn.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained for individuals.
- Pews will be clearly marked to show where people may or may not sit.

- There will be no hymnals used during liturgies.
- There will be no holy water in the fonts.
- There will be no servers, only 1 lector, and Extraordinary Ministers will be assigned as needed.
- There will be no procession at the beginning or end of Mass.
- There will be no holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and no exchange of peace.
- Those receiving Holy Communion are urged to receive in the hand.

## PLEASE NOTE:

The obligation to attend Mass is still dispensed in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

# **Upcoming Celebrations** Confirmation We are glad to announce our plans to celebrate Confirmation for the young people who should have received the sacraments this past spring. September 15: 4:00 PM Graduates from St. Luke School Class 8-1 September 17: 4:00 PM Students from Religious Ed Classes 8-1 & 8-2 September 22: 4:00 PM Students from Religious Ed Classes 8-3 & 8-4 September 24 4:00 PM Graduates from St. Luke School Class 8-2 If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Luke Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular office hours. There you can pick up a census card which can be filled out at that time or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the Census card online. Please check our website: stlukewhitestone.org ur Church You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes. Come and join us! **MEMORIALS** Please call or visit the Rectory if you would like to arrange for a memorial in memory or in honor of a loved one. The following memorials are available weekly: ALTAR BREAD, ALTAR WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP. ALTAR CANDLES The offering is \$50 for the above mentioned memorials. In addition, ALTAR FLOWERS are available weekly. The offering is \$100 for a fresh arrangement of flowers at the Altar. The name of the person remembered will be printed in the bulletin. 3

# Exaltation of the Holy Cross

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17



# Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows



Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

## **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 sacrament, we grow together as a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

## INFANT BAPTISMS RESUME AT ST. LUKE

After months of infant baptisms being cancelled because of the corona virus pandemic, we are gratefully at the point of resuming the baptism of infants at St. Luke. Many changes have been made to our Baptism Preparation Program and baptisms are currently being celebrated for one infant at a time, with the use of masks and social distancing marking our concerns for the safety of all present at the celebration. If you are interested in having an infant baptized, please call **Sister Theresa at 718 746-8531** and she will provide information that describes what are the current requirements for parents to participate in baptism preparation at St. Luke and she will assist parents in the preparation that is necessary. It is our hope to return to our previous Baptism Program with certain Sundays scheduled for the baptisms and a few babies baptized together in the future. However, in this time of uncertainty, we are able to baptize infants individually and will continue to do so during the next few months. For information, please call Sister Theresa.



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## **Prayer for Vocations**

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Parish Goal: As of 09/08/2020	\$ 1	105, 552
Number of Pledges:		182
Pledged:	\$	65,055
Received:	\$	59,334

#### WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER In Brooklyn & Queens

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already made a gift/pledge to the ACA 2020. Your generous response assists both the many ministries of the diocese and if we go over our goal the funds received come back to the parish. Please make your gift to the ACA now. As always, working together, each gift will help us reach our goal. Please consider a gift today!



The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is sponsoring a clothing drive on

Sunday, September 20th.

The truck will be parked in the church parking lot from **8am to 1pm** to accept your donation of gently used clothing.





# **On-Going Registration Available at** St. Luke School

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# **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

**Dear Heavenly** Father Please put a hand of protection this school year on all the Children Teachers And Staff Watch over them **Protect them** Love them We Thank you God For all you do Amen

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Back to

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# Welcome Back



# St. Luke School of Religion Registration for 2020/2021 School Year

Because of the demands the ongoing pandemic places on our parish resources, the Diocesan Faith Formation Office has decided that all parish religious education programs will be held virtually for the foreseeable future.

Registration Forms for **New** students and returning students who are Re-Registering can be found on our Parish Website: <u>stlukewhitestone.org</u>; select the Education field and click on Religious Education to access forms. For all **New** students, a copy of the child's baptismal certificate should be submitted with the registration forms. All forms must be received by September 14th.

Forms and registration fees can be mailed to the Rectory Office: 16-34 Clintonville Street, Whitestone, NY 11357 Attn: Sister Katherine Burke

Checks must be made out to St. Luke School of Religion.

Additional information will be available in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions please call the Religious Education Department (718)746-3409 or email us at: saintlukered@yahoo.com.

# A Student's Prayer

## By St. Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spírít, Dívíne Creator, true source of líght and fountain of wisdom!

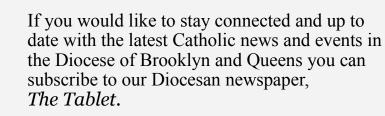
Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.

Thís I ask through Jesus Chríst, true <u>God</u> and true man, lívíng and reigníng wíth You and the Father, forever and ever. AMEN

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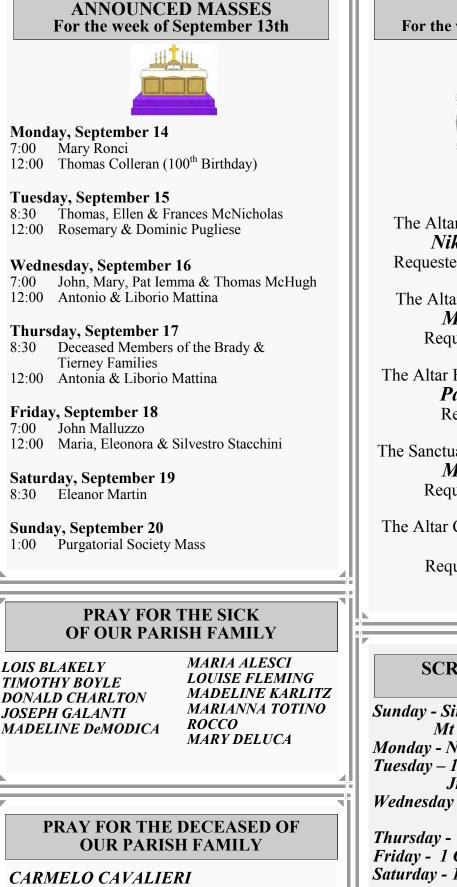
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#### **MEMORIAL** For the week of September 13th –19th



The Altar Bread is given in memory of *Nikolas Edward Jaimes* Requested by Liliana Jaimes & Family

The Altar Wine is given in memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Anastasia Olivo

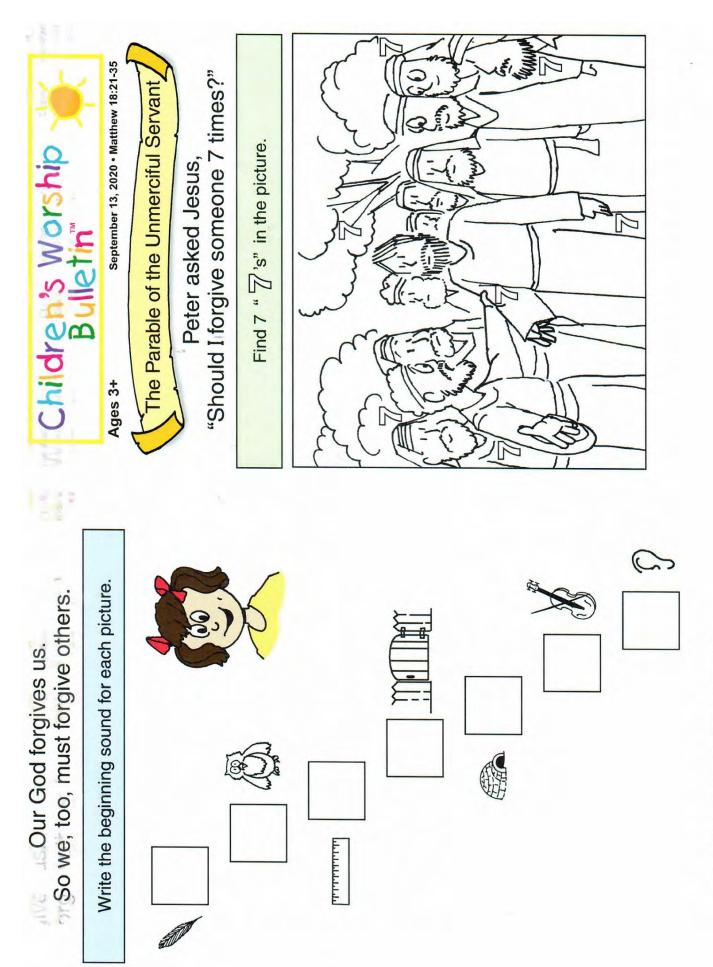
The Altar Flowers are given in memory of *Patrick J. McCormac* Requested by His Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *Michael Colasuonno* Requested by Anastasia Olivo

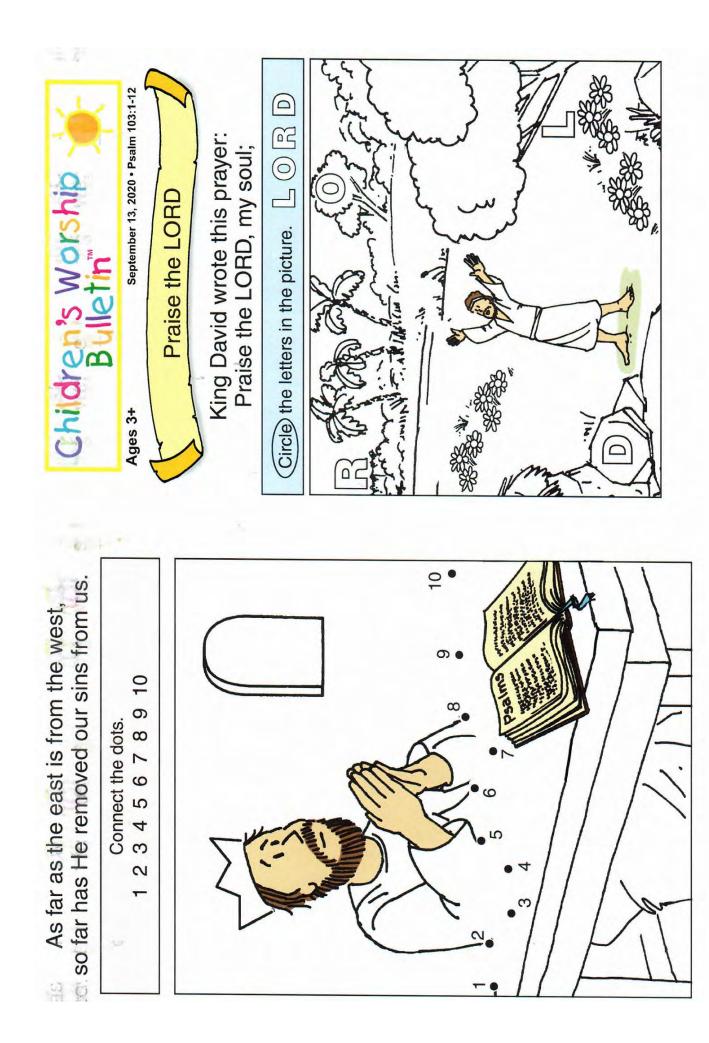
The Altar Candles are given in memory of *Joseph Taranto* Requested by Rose DiStefano

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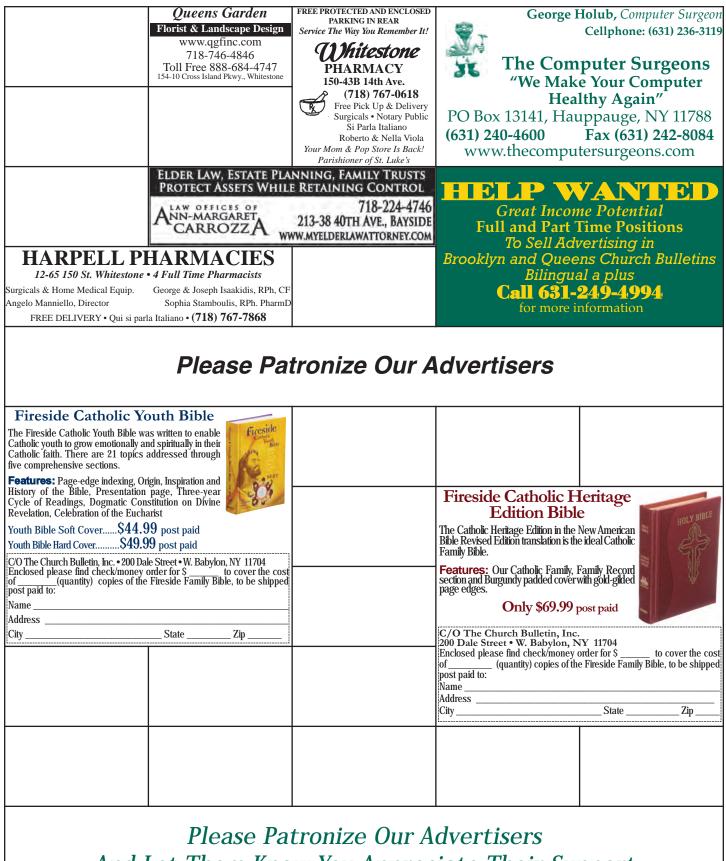
Sunday - Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 Monday - Nm21:4b-9; Jn 3:13-17 Tuesday - 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 Wednesday -1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50 Friday - 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3 Saturday - 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Lk 8:4-15



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