

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

*They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

(Matthew 2:1-12)



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Sometimes called the feast of the Three Kings or “Little Christmas” the feast of the Epiphany reveals Jesus as savior for all peoples and nations represented by the three Wise Men. In the Gospel Jesus is first made known to the Jewish people in the persons of the shepherds. Today Jesus is savior not limited or restricted to any one people. He is the light for all people.

The story of the three kings is so much a part of the Christmas story. How can we forget the star whose mission was to guide the path to Jesus? Or King Herod, troubled by news of the birth of a king plotting to already get rid of him? Or the angel warning the three kings not to return to Herod but to go home by another way?

Yet it is the three kings who so occupy our attention. They followed the star determined to worship this “newborn king of the Jews.” And when they found the child they bowed down and did him homage and offered Jesus gifts they had brought with them.

We also are on a journey to find and worship Christ who reveals Himself to us in so many ways - in people, places and yes, even through things. So many stars that lead us ever closer to the Lord. AND like the Wise Men we offer our gifts and talents to give Him homage. These God given “treasures” come in all manner of shapes and manner of ways and are given to all to be shared not at the feet of Jesus but in service to others. We are all called to be good stewards of God’s gifts. No greater homage can be shown the Lord than using our gifts for our own salvation and for the good and salvation of others especially those in need.

And in so sharing our gifts - of time, talent and finances we become the star leading others to the joy and peace of Jesus. We are all called to accept the ministry of the star in today’s Gospel often at personal sacrifice. You are the light of the world - let your light shine before all people.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Tosi

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.

SERVING THE PRESENT; BUILDING THE FUTURE ---

- UPDATE -

The parish campaign continues to offer parishioners the opportunity to let the light of Christ continue to shine through the many ministries and services provided by the parish. The campaign seeks to serve this goal by caring and maintaining the parish buildings especially the church where we gather to worship God.

Having raised \$2.5 million dollars we hope to reach our goal of \$3 million dollars needed for repair and maintenance issues and then to build a parish center for all age groups.

In order to help achieve our goal, two Commitment Weekends will be held on January 14-15 and January 21-22. Each will provide the opportunity to make a pledge to the campaign at Mass. So many parishioners expressed a willingness to make a pledge after the New Year. Hopefully, these weekends will make it easier to do just that.

We need your help! I and your fellow parishioners ask you to prayerfully consider a multi-year pledge over a one time gift. Such a pledge increases the ability to raise the needed funds. Based on what you are able to give a year, your three to five year pledge allows the parish to finance the various projects so critical to our present and future viability.

More information on Commitment Weekend is included in the center pages of this bulletin. Please - read it carefully, discuss it with the family, pray over it and come prepared next weekend to make your pledge. We have benefited by the generosity of past parishioners of Saint Luke whose sacrifice made possible the buildings we use so much. Future generations will look back at our time and give thanks and prayer for the sacrifices we made for them - and ourselves.

The Capital Campaign is really not about buildings. The Campaign is about the preaching of the Gospel and providing what we need to accomplish this mission. Remember the star - it led the three kings to Jesus. Our buildings can do the same together with the people of faith, hope and charity who use them.

Please - come next week to join your fellow parishioners in ***Serving the Present and Building the Future.***

With my love and prayers and gratitude,
Msgr. Tosi

AND thank you to all who already made their pledge. May God bless you and reward your goodness.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 1	\$16,695
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 4,172
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Envelopes Mailed	1,883
Envelopes Received	667

SECOND COLLECTION ---

Today there will be two collections: The first collection will be taken for the support of the parish. The second collection is a new collection added to the National Collection Schedule beginning this year. Called the collection for **DIOCESAN MISSION** the revenue will be used twofold.

- It will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various Missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- It will also be used when Mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

FUEL COLLECTION ---

Next weekend, January 14 & 15 there will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses. This collection is taken to help with the cost of heating the church during the winter months.

Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU --- THANK YOU ---

Now that the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal has ended I would once again thank all our parishioners who so generously supported this annual appeal. Due to gifts from 515 donors, a total of \$145,087.83 was pledged and as of December 28, 2011 a total of \$141,237.83 was collected! Our parish goal was \$90,950. As you well know this appeal supports both the ministries of the diocese and the needs of the parish. The parish share of the funds raised was once again used for the repair and maintenance of the stained glass windows in the church. Once again Saint Luke ranked among the top ten parishes in total contributed ranking #7. Your goodness is truly amazing and shows your love for God and the church. So many people will benefit from your generosity in so many ways as did the parish.

Again, thank you and God bless.

Msgr. Tosi

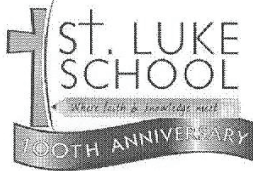
IMPORTANT MEETING ---

A joint meeting of the Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, January 9th at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Members of the Councils are urged to attend this very important first meeting of the new year.

OOPS---WE MADE A MISTAKE

with the printed Schedule for Masses on New Year's Day - the Solemnity of Mary. The Holyday Schedule of Masses was printed when the schedule should have reflected the regular Sunday Mass Schedule.

We are sorry for the error and whatever inconvenience it caused to our parishioners.



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2012-2013 School Year
Tiny Tots/Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten through Grade Eight
January 29 ~ February 3

\$250.00 NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee due at time of registration of each new student Nursery through Grade 8

Requirements:

Tiny Tots students must be 2 years old by 10/1/12
Nursery students must be three years old by 12/1/12
Pre-K students must be four years old by 12/1/12
Kindergarten Students must be five years old by 12/31/12

Documentation:

Tiny Tots through First Grade must present copy of child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records.

Grades Two through Eight must present a copy of the most recent report card and standardized test scores, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records, and IEP if applicable

Call for a tour of our building and see for yourself what is going on in your parish school and why we are so very proud of St. Luke's!

(718) 746-3833

Visit us at www.SLSWhitestone.org

**Open House
And
Registration**
Sunday
January 29, 2012
11:30AM - 1:30PM

Open School
Thursday
February 2, 2012
9:00AM - 10:30AM
School Tours Available!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2011

The annual Saint Luke School Christmas Fair was held on Wednesday, December 14th.

The School Hall was festively decorated for the occasion. Snowflakes, stockings, and ornaments hung from the ceiling. Joyous Christmas music filled the room as our 8th grade students, dressed as elves, danced around selling raffle tickets, acting as elves and wrapping gifts.

Of course, Santa Claus made an appearance as well!

This highly anticipated event is hosted by a group of 8th grade parents. This year special thanks goes to our co-chairladies, Mrs. Carbonara and Mrs. McDonagh. These women, along with a number of other volunteers, worked diligently to create an event that was fun for all.

Needless to say, the 8th grade elves are to be commended for their help in making this year's Christmas Fair spectacular!



ATTENTION --- ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Golden Age Club will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 12 at 1pm in the school hall.

We look forward to starting off a new year together and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

If you are planning a Baptism, please note the following dates:

Baptism Sunday	Baptism Class
Jan. 22	
Feb. 12 & 26	Feb. 13
March 11 & 25	March 19

For more information, please call the rectory at 718-746-8102.

GEORGE T. BREEN TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND ---

A donation of \$1,000.00 to the George T. Breen Tuition Assistance Fund in loving memory of George T. Breen's birthday December 21st was made by Ollie Breen and her children, Linda, Barbara, Thomas and Patricia.

The George T. Breen Tuition Assistance Fund was established in 2006 (in memory of George T. Breen) to assist the families of students currently enrolled in St. Luke School with tuition payments in order to remain in and continue to receive a quality Catholic education.

Donations to this fund can be made at any time, in any amount and will be used exclusively for tuition assistance. This is a great way to remember deceased loved ones in lieu of flowers, fruit baskets or other gifts.

Gift acknowledgment cards are available at the rectory. It's the gift that keeps on giving through our children. Call the rectory for additional information.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS ---

In addition to the many Masses celebrated and the many other acts of prayer and worship to our God, in the month of **December** we celebrated as a parish community:

7 Baptisms 10 Funerals 1 Wedding

During **2011** we celebrated:

120 Baptisms 133 Funerals 42 Weddings

We rejoice with those who rejoice and share the sorrow of those who mourn for we are one Body in Christ.

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Luke School

6th Annual Ladies Fashion Show

"Fashion in Bloom"

Friday, April 20th, 2012

Terrace on the Park

Grand Ballroom



Tickets will go on sale
in February.

More info to follow...



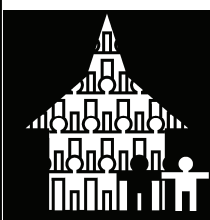
TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS, PRAYER GROUPS & SOCIETIES--

All meetings have resumed for the new year and we wish to welcome back all the various groups that meet in the parish.

FAMILY MASS ---

The first Family Mass of the new year will be on Sunday, January 15 at the 11:45am Mass. All families are welcome to attend!





Become Part of Our Church Family

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please stop by the rectory and fill out a census card. It only takes a few minutes to register. You can fill the card out on the spot or take the card and return it at your convenience by mail, in person at the rectory or in the Sunday collection basket. *Become part of our church family!*

LAY CARMELITES ---

Lay Carmelites, St. Luke's Chapter will meet on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 7:00pm in the church.



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!

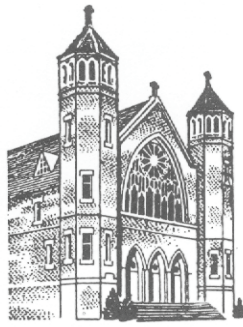
All Lectors, including new Lectors, are encouraged to attend a meeting with Msgr. Tosi to be held on **Wednesday, January 11th** at 7:00pm in the church.

We look forward to seeing you!

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP---

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend!





Serving the Present; Building the Future has generated much excitement at St. Luke Church! As the campaign moves into its final weeks, please carefully consider the commitment you can make to this historic campaign. A **pledge, redeemed over a three to five year period**, will enable our parish to do so much!

As we set our sights on the future, we recognize that the efforts we make now will have a lasting effect on our Gospel ministry in Whitestone for generations to come. **“My Commitment Weekend Pledge” cards** will be passed out during all Masses **next weekend**, January 14 – 15. You can respond one of three ways:

- ✓ **“Yes! I agree to pledge today or increase my pledge.”**
- ✓ **“Amen! I have already made a pledge.”**
- ✓ **“Praying! I am thinking about my decision.”**

You set the terms on what your pledge will be, and how you would like to pay it. It is important to fill out your name, address and telephone number, so your pledge can be properly recorded and acknowledged, and so that reminder notices can be sent directly to you.

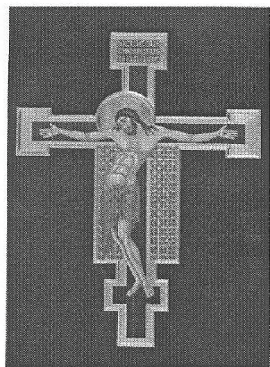
Pledge	Annually	Monthly	Daily	My Sacrifice Equals
\$18,000	\$3,600	\$300	\$10.00	Daily lunch out
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$200	\$6.58	Two tickets to a monthly sporting event
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$100	\$3.28	Going out to dinner once a month
\$2,700 (3-year)	\$900	\$75	\$2.50	Daily coffee and a muffin

On behalf of the parish, and all of the volunteers who have helped with *Serving the Present; Building the Future*, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort!

THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE CHURCH

JANUARY 7-8, 2012

COMMITMENT WEEKENDS – JANUARY 14-15 & 21-22 ONE FINAL PUSH!



CAMPAIGN STATISTICS

Challenge Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Raised	\$2,500,000
Percent of Goal	83%
Number of Pledges/Gifts	863
Average Pledge/Gift	\$5,593.28

Our Vision

To provide Catholic ministry and education in a safe and welcoming environment for the community of Whitestone for generations to come. To give our parishioners a parish community they can call “Home.”

Our Needs

1. **External Repairs**
 - a. **Repair all exterior cracks on the Church and School; repoint, recaulk and patch, as needed**
 - b. **Replace gutters, downspouts, and metal stairways**
 - c. **Demolish the former Convent**

2. **Interior Church Repairs**
 - a. **Painting**
 - b. **Replace doors**
 - c. **Necessary Liturgical improvements**
 - d. **New Baptismal Font; relocate the Tabernacle**

3. **Conversion of the Lower Church**
 - a. **New kitchen and easily accessible bathrooms**
 - b. **Improved flooring and lighting; upgraded electrical wiring**
 - c. **Room dividers for meeting space**

MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO SECURE A LOAN FROM THE DIOCESE SO THAT CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN IN THE SPRING OF 2012!

Prayerful Consideration

Please discuss this with your spouse and family; and come to next week's Mass prepared to make your pledge!

A GIVING TREE THANK YOU ---



Extraordinary reach.
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December 28, 2011

Ms. Marie DiTucci
St. Luke Disciples in Mission
156-14 14th Avenue
Beechhurst, NY 11357

Dear Ms. DiTucci,

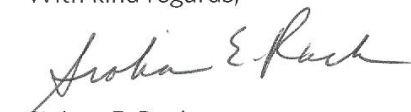
We are very fortunate at SCO Family of Services because we see the spirit of Christmas each day... the spirit of hope when we hear a speechless child utter a first word...the spirit of joy when a family that has struggled to pull itself together is reunited... the spirit of peace when a troubled adolescent achieves his first success in school... the spirit of love when foster parents open their hearts and homes for a lonely child.

We also see the spirit of Christmas in you... the spirit of giving. You have touched the lives of our children and families with your kindness. You have given them more than the wonderful gifts donated through your *Giving Tree*... you have given them the knowledge that the spirit of love prevails.

In the spirit of gratitude that surrounds each of us during this joyful season, please accept our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a happy New Year.

...and peace to His people on earth.

With kind regards,


Sioban E. Rack
Associate Director of Special Events

Thank you!

ANOTHER GIVING TREE THANK YOU ---



*Building Community.
Empowering Families.*

12/31/11

St. Luke Disciples in Mission
c/o Angela Masullo
Giving Tree Committee
16-34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, NY 11357

Dear Giving Tree Committee and Parishioners:

A sincere thank you to all, who made it possible for the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service, to receive mother-baby gifts from your Giving Tree Outreach. The Nursing Staff is so grateful for this support and sharing. We have a large Maternity Outreach Program in East Harlem where we visit new mothers and their infants to provide nursing assessment, teaching and referrals as needed. So many of these families are among the poorest in the community, living with bare necessities and some even sleeping on the floor because they have no bed. To be able to celebrate new life and join them in this celebration allows us to gain entry and offer help where needed. Bringing a gift for both mother and baby brings much joy to all.

Your generosity and concern make it possible for us to be messengers of caring from the larger community for the poor. Thank you for your sharing, support and outreach at a time of year when everyone wants to celebrate joy and new life.

A special thank you to Angela Masullo, for her coordination with our Center. May this New Year for all of you, be blessed with good health, peace and joy. Please pray for the intentions of our work.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Susanne".

Sr. Susanne Lachapelle, LSA



Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service, Inc.
333 East 115th Street, New York, NY 10029
phone 646 672 5200 www.littlesistersfamily.org

AND ANOTHER GIVING TREE THANK YOU!---



**Catholic Charities Community Center
Queens North**
23-40 Astoria Blvd.
Astoria, NY 11102

T 718 726 9790
F 718 728 8817

www.ccbq.org

Dec. 28, 2011

St. Luke's Church
16-34 Clintonville St
Whitestone, NY 11357
Attn: Anna Filippi



Dear Parishioners of St. Luke's Church,

Many thanks to the Parishioners of St. Luke's church for your generous support of the Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens 2011 Christmas Toy and Food Drive.. Five hundred children participated in the Queens community centers Santa visit. Radio Disney was on hand with music, dancing, games and prizes while photos with Santa were taken. Children received a print of their photo op, nutritious snacks provided by Fidelis Care NY and gifts donated from the community, parishes and CCBQ dollar drive. We continued to give out gifts that week to an additional 500 children.

Through your commitment to helping community, you assisted us in spreading the holiday cheer. These toys were especially appreciated during the current economic crisis which has increased the number of requests for assistance throughout our network of programs and services. I am most grateful for your generous gifts at this critical time.

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens has been providing quality social services to the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Queens for over 112 years. The agency sponsors 180 programs and services to more than 90,000 neighbors a year, including children and youth, adults and seniors, individuals with developmental disabilities, those who are mentally ill or isolated, and provides 3,000 units of affordable housing.

Please extend my best wishes for a very Happy New Year to all at St. Luke's church and know that your gifts helped our families have a brighter Christmas.

Again, many thanks for your support of Catholic Charities.

Sincerely yours,


Debbie Hampson, CRC, LMHP
Director of Queens Community Centers

Accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children

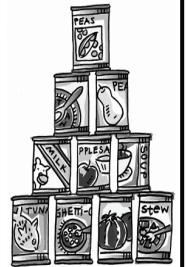


Community News

ST. FIDELIS FOOD PANTRY ---

Please help with donations of food. The Food Pantry is in need of coffee, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, soup, cereal and canned fruit. If you are able to help, please bring all donations of the canned food to the vestibule of the church and place them in the food pantry basket.

Thank you for your generosity in a time of need.



ART SHOW FUNDRAISER ---

From Here to Haiti will hold its Art Show Fundraiser featuring the works of over 30 Haitian and international art on Saturday, January 14 from 9am to 9pm. The location is 14-46 Utopia Parkway, Whitestone. For more information, call 718-746-3012 or 646-209-3891.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK!

For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will give back to St. Luke Church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. If so, call the St. Vincent De Paul Society at 718-491-2525.

Thank you for your participation.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Is 42:1-4,6-7; Mk 1:7-11
Tues.- 1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wed. - 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thurs. - 1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri. - 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Sat. - 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a;
Mk 2:13-17

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

JOSETTE TANZOLA
JENNIE ROMANO
MARYANN (IZZO) GERMINO
BARBARA SATALINO
ARTOURAS JAOUTAKAS
ANTHONY TROTTA
ROSEMARY DAMATO

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

IVANICA ANTOLOS
PETER McELLIGOTT

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are given in memory of **FRANCIS G OTTAVIANO** at the request of Frank & Claudia Morelli.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2012

Monday, January 9
7:00 Eugene Taheny
12:00 Michael & Diana O'Connor

Tuesday, January 10
8:30 Mario Nardella
12:00 Saverio Valenzano

Wednesday, January 11
7:00 Giuseppe Milano
12:00 Simplicio Couto

Thursday, January 12
8:30 Robert Soderquist
12:00 Antonia & Gerlando Fanara

Friday, January 13
7:00 Mary Monte
12:00 Joseph & Sal DiTucci & Mary Kelly

Saturday, January 14
8:30 Maria & Nick Purich
(Wedding Anniversary)

Collective Intentions Mass ---

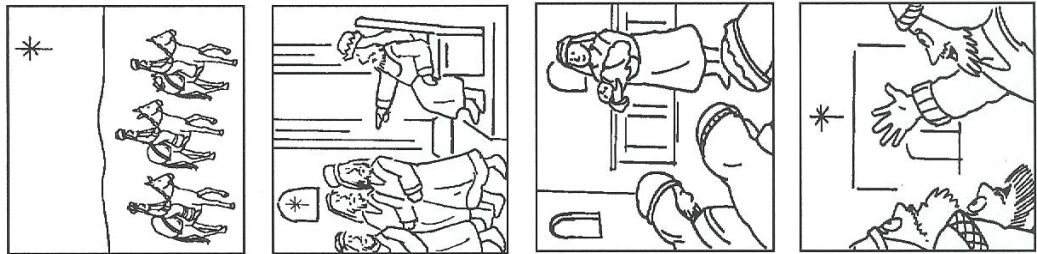
The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 22nd at 11:45am.

At this Mass we pray for

ALFONSO GELO

The Magi found baby Jesus.
They never told Herod.

Draw lines to put the pictures in the correct order.



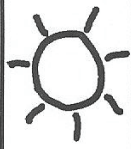
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Children's Worship Bulletin

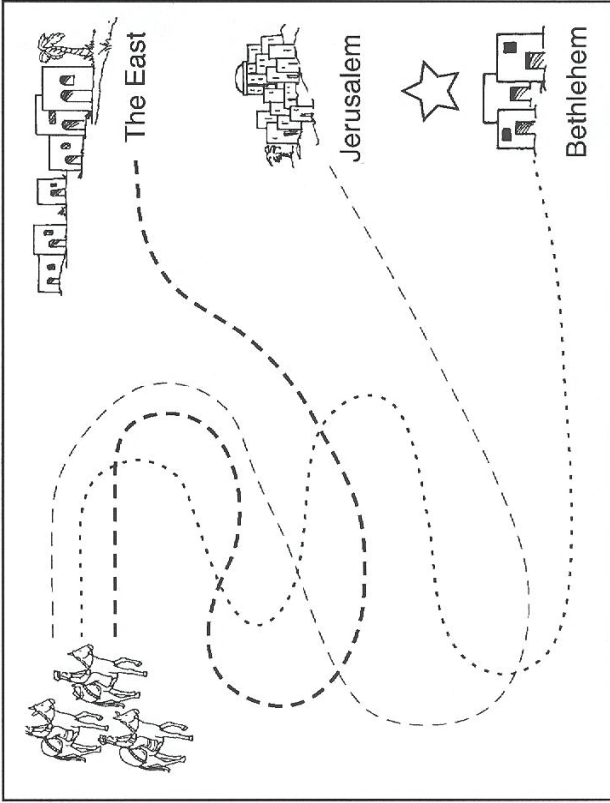


Ages 3-6 January 8, 2012 • Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Seek Jesus

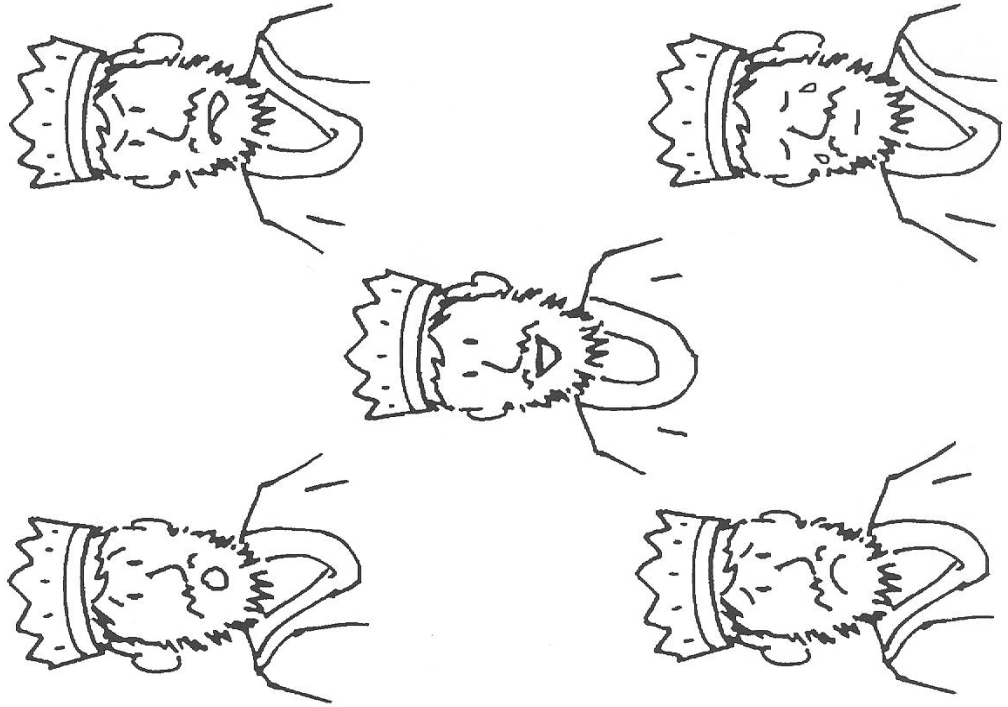
The Magi asked, "Where is the One Who has been born King of the Jews?"

Trace the path the Magi took to follow the star to Bethlehem.



King Herod was angry about Jesus' birth.

Circle the picture of angry King Herod.



King Herod lied. He said he wanted to ...

Trace the letters in the bubble writing.

Worship Jesus.

