



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Respect for Rights of Conscience Act:

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The rule is set to take effect August 1, 2012. Non-profit religious employers that do not now provide such coverage, and are not exempt under the rule's extremely narrow definition of religious employer, will be given one year until August 1, 2013 to comply.

To correct the threats to religious liberty and rights of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in **Congress S. 1467**. This measure will ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions." **It is more important than ever that Members of Congress be urged to co-sponsor S. 1467.**

- **ACTION: Contact Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kristen Gillibrand and tell them to support S. 1467.**
- **Call Senator Schumer at 212-486-4430**
and
Senator Gillibrand at 212-688-6262.
- Go to www.usccb.org/conscience for additional information.

MISSION STATEMENT

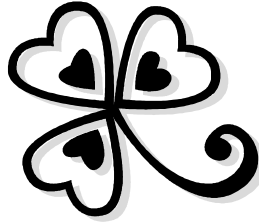
As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in Communion with the universal church, we strive to follow the Lord's command to love God and one another. Rooted in word and sacrament, we grow together as a Eucharistic community inviting all to the Good News of Jesus.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 5	\$11,315
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Envelopes Mailed	1,883
Envelopes Received	693

**ST. PATRICK'S
DINNER PARTY ---**

Come join the Msgr.
Francis J. Dillon Council
Knights of Columbus for
the second annual



St. Patrick's Dinner Party on **Saturday, March 3** from 7pm to 11pm in the St. Luke's School Hall. Event features a delicious Irish meal - Corned beef, cabbage and potatoes with Irish soda bread (feel free to bring your own soda bread if you wish). There will be plenty of raffle prizes, a 50/50, DJ, Irish Step Dancing, games for the kids and a good time for all! Admission: \$25 per adult, \$10 for children 11-15, and children 10 and under are FREE.

For tickets, please call any of the following people:

- Sam Neglia - 646-515-7890*
- Damian/Lisa Scardamaglia 516-375-2766*
- Tim/Shannon Kiley 718-746-0165*
- Eddie Weisenburger 917-667-2835*



Hospitality Sunday - February 12 -

Please stop by after all the Masses **TODAY** - and offer thanks and congratulations to our Sacristan, Edward Weisenburger as he leaves his work here to begin a career as a New York City Police Officer. Eddie was called to join the class of new recruits that began on January 9th. We wish Eddie well; assure him of our gratitude for his faithful service to the parish and assure him of our prayers and best wishes.

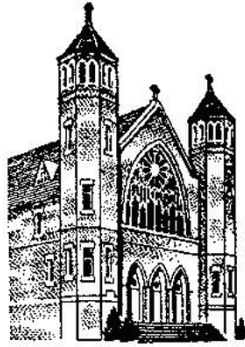


CONGRATULTIONS ---

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage here in our parish.

*Saturday, February 18, 2012
3pm*

**JOSEPH SCOTTO
&
JACQUELINE OLIVER**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ---

In an ongoing effort to keep the parish up to date on the Capital Campaign, answer any questions that come to me and provide information, a Capital Campaign Corner will be included in the bulletin on a regular basis. Today's Corner will cover two topics:

- ***What about the Annual Catholic Appeal 2012?***

As a parish conducting a Capital Campaign, the diocese does not require us to participate in the normal activities of the Annual Catholic Appeal. However, we are required by the Bishop to meet our parish goal of \$90,000 sending it to the diocesan office. The Finance Council and Pastoral discussed this issue. Both Councils think it important to provide a way for people who might like to help meet this goal to do so. Soon parishioners will receive a letter from Bishop DiMarzio seeking their donation to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. This will be the only solicitation for the Appeal. The parish will not participate in any other of the normal Appeal activities and requests. Whatever is donated to the Appeal will help us meet the required parish goal of \$90,000. The remainder will need to be taken from parish funds.

- ***Pledge Payments***

In the near future we will have in place a process of pledge redemption. Hopefully, reminder letters and return envelopes will be mailed to each person according to their requested schedule for payment.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

As of Wednesday, February 8th, a total of **\$2,969,226** has been pledged. Our campaign goal is in sight!

Thank you for your generosity and goodness.

Want to make a pledge? Call the Rectory --- speak to Msgr. Tosi.

Your pledge is important too!

St. Luke Church

COMMITMENT WEEKEND PLEDGE CARD

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

[] Not registered, but would like to be!

I am/We are pleased to make a gift to

Serving the Present; Building the Future

Yes! I/We agree to pledge today or increase my/our pledge.

Amen! I/We have already made a pledge.

Praying! I am/We are thinking about my/our decision.

Please call me/us at _____ on _____
Phone # Date

Total Pledge Amount \$25,000 \$18,000 \$12,000 \$6,000 \$2,500 \$1,200

Payable: Monthly (12 x a year) Quarterly (4 x a year) Semi-Annually (2 x a year) Annually (1 x a year)

Beginning: ____/____/____ for ____ months/years. I/We expect the periodic payment to be \$ _____

To help determine your sacrificial pledge, gift amounts can be structured as follows:

Total Pledge	Annually	Semi-Annually	Quarterly	Monthly	Daily
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$417	\$13.70
\$18,000	\$3,600	\$1,800	\$900	\$300	\$9.86
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$6.57
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$3.29
\$2,500	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$42	\$1.48
\$1,200	\$240	\$120	\$60	\$20	\$0.66

LENT 2012
AT ST. LUKE CHURCH

The Sunday Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm & 5:00pm

*The Weekday Mass Schedule is as follows: Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 7:00am & 12 noon
Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am & 12 noon
Saturday 8:30am*

1. Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Mass Schedule: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12 noon, 7:30pm

Prayer Service at 4:00pm

2. Stations of the Cross

Monday Evenings at 7:30pm in Italian

Wednesday Afternoons at 1:00pm

Friday Evenings at 7:30pm

3. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday during Lent beginning February 28th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

4. Forty Hours Devotion

*Beginning Sunday, March 4th at the 1:00pm Mass and continuing through
Tuesday, March 6th at the 7:30pm Closing Mass.*

5. Scripture Classes

*Every Tuesday evening beginning Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30pm in the
school hall through Tuesday, March 27th. Registration is required. Please look for
more details in upcoming bulletins.*



6. An Introduction to the Bible

On the five Tuesdays of Lent, Fr. Dettmer will offer the course “An Introduction to the Bible.”

This course will present an overview of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, which will be presented within the context of their historical, cultural, and literary development. The material will be presented by emphasizing the major themes found throughout the Scriptures: Creation, Sin, Covenant, Prophecy, Salvation, and Redemption.

The hours will count toward the continuing education requirements for St. Luke’s School and St. Luke’s Religious Education Teachers. The course will also be open to all parishioners.

**When: 7pm-9pm Tuesday February 28
March 9, 13, 20 & 27**

Where: St. Luke’s School

Registration is required. Please return the tear-off below to the Rectory.

An Introduction to the Bible

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

7. Disciples in Mission

Are you Joy Full? Do You Know The Joy Of The Resurrected Lord?

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

St. Luke Disciples in Mission invites you to join with us in our Lenten faith sharing program. We meet once a week for about one hour at a Group Leader's home beginning the first week of Lent and extending throughout the six weeks of Lent.

You may leave your name and phone number at the Rectory and a member of the Disciples in Mission team will get back to you.





WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

St. Luke's Disciples In Mission
invites you to join with us in our
Lenten Faith Sharing Program.

It is an opportunity
to know the Lord your God in a deeper way
and to come together with your fellow parishioners
in small groups
to prayerfully read and reflect
on the Sunday scripture readings
and share in their meaning and application
in our everyday life.



Each group meets
once a week for about one hour
at a Group Leader's home
beginning the first week of Lent
and extending throughout the six weeks of Lent.

This will be our 13th Year.

Won't you consider participating this Lent?
For more information, please call
Judy DeAngelis at (718) 767-7471.

Walking with God through Grief and Loss

- **Since my loved one has died I have had anger towards God is that ok?**

Answer: Anger towards God is a normal response to the death of a loved one. We can feel that it was all God's fault and that God was not there for my loved one. We can feel that God has abandoned us during our time of grief. You are not alone even Jesus said on the Cross "my God my God why have you abandoned me."

- **Is God really here I do not feel His presence?**

Answer: Yes God is really present to us at all times. We are sometimes like the people of Israel in the desert. They cried out that God had left them. But the reality was that God had never left them he was with them all the time.

- **Ok if God is with me how come I feel so depressed and sad?**

Answer: Depression and sadness are normal feelings and a response to the death of a loved one. Grief can make everything seem bleak and dark. We can feel that God does not care and we can even doubt that God exists. But the Good News is that we will one day feel the presence of God when our sadness lifts.

"God is not only the God of the sufferers but the God who suffers through the prism of my tears I have seen a suffering God." Nicholas Welterstorff

- **Even in this sadness can I find something to be thankful for?**

Answer: Yes! Every day is an opportunity for us to be thankful. We can be thankful for the little things in life. A friend, a sunset, our health. What are you thankful for?

- **What do I do with this pain?**

Answer: Try praying with your pain. Cry out to God or cry with God. Try writing a letter to God and tell him all that you are feeling. Try taking a long walk and talk to God or listening to calming music.

- **Should I take some time to be alone?**

Answer: Yes when you are ready. Alone time is good for the soul.

- **Finally be Patient and Gentle with yourself**

We are in a hurry to heal but healing takes a long time and a lot of patience. Remember the words of Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life." And his other words "I am with you always even till the end of time."



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

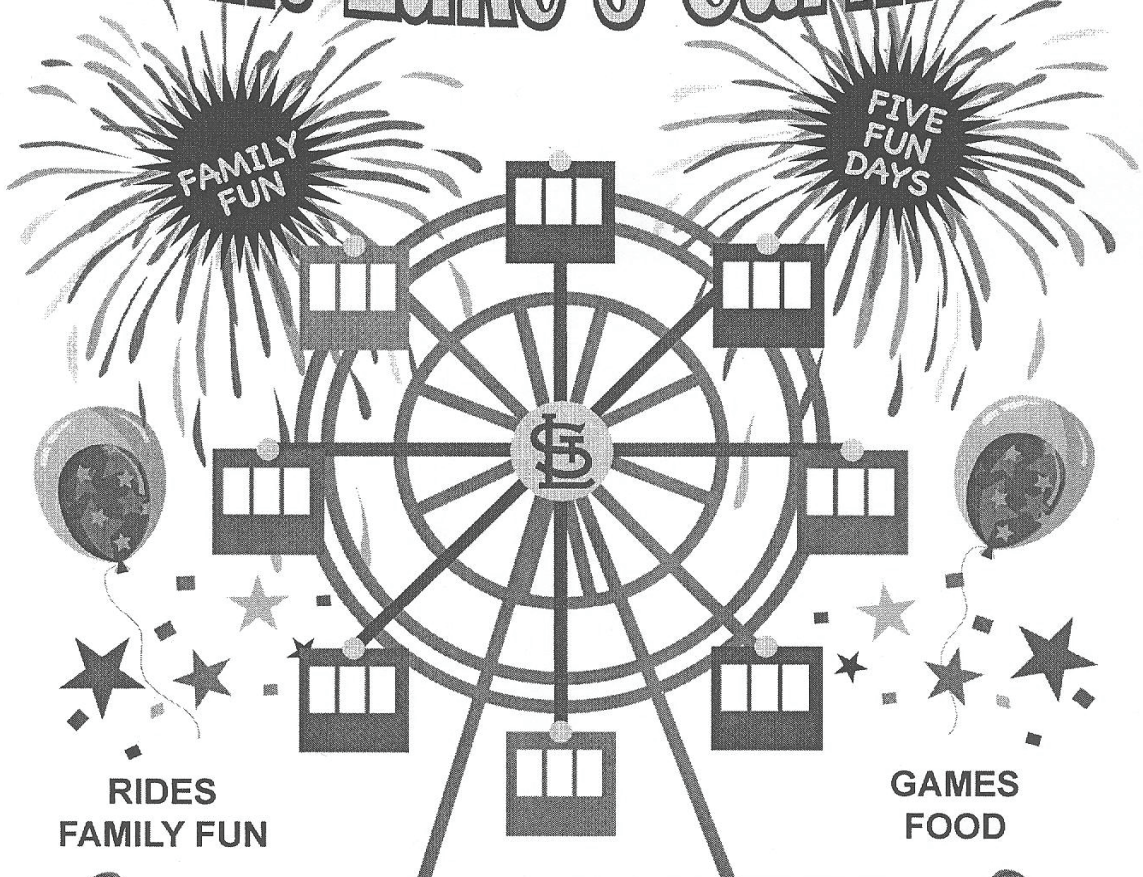
Baptism Sunday	Baptism Class
Feb. 26	Feb. 13
March 11 & 25	March 19
April 29	April 16
May 20 & 27	May 21



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

Back by Popular Demand

Saint Luke's Carnival



RIDES
FAMILY FUN

GAMES
FOOD

Saint Luke's School Yard
June 6th - 7th - 8th - 9th - 10th

ENTERTAINMENT
LIVE BANDS

FOOD AND DRINKS
CAFE

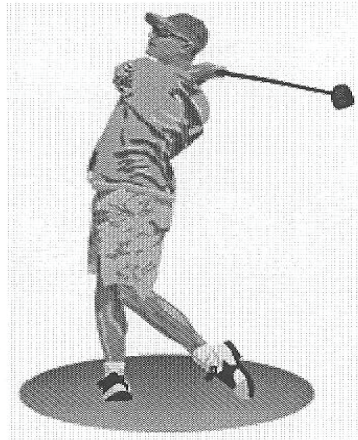
3rd Annual Saint Luke's Golf Outing

at
Clearview Golf Course
Cocktails & Dinner at Valentino's on the Green



Sponsored by
The Saint Luke's Athletic Association (SLAA)

Date: Friday, June 29th 2012
Time: 12:00 PM
Tee Time: 1:00 PM
Format: 2-Person Scramble



For more information and a registration form please visit our website
at www.slaacyo.org or call the St. Lukes Rectory at 718-746-8103

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA PER LA QUARESIMA

Apostolato Italiano Nazionale

N.I.A.C.

3 Marzo 2012

Immaculate Conception Center

Douglaston, Queens

**La giornata comincera alle 9 del mattino e concludera con las celebrazione della
S. Messa. Presiede il nostro vescovo, S.E.**

Mons. Nicholas DiMarzio.

(tutto in lingua italiana)

Rosario

Via Crucis

Conferenza spiritual

Vendita dei libri

Pranzo caldo incluso

\$15.00 per person

**Per pre notare un spazio parlare con Fernando Minchella, Damiana Testa o
Angela Masullo o chiamare la chiesa.**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LENT

National Italian Apostolate

N.I.A.C.

March 3, 2012

Immaculate Conception Center

Douglaston, Queens

The day will begin at 9am and conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass.

Our Bishop, His Excellency Nicholas DiMarzio will preside.

(all services will be conducted in Italian)

Rosary

Stations of the Cross

Spiritual Conference

Hot lunch included

\$15.00

**To reserve a seat, please speak to Fernando Minchella, Damiana Testa or
Angela Masullo or call the Rectory.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

7911 7 Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11228
718 491 2525

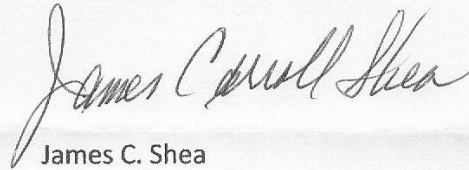
St. Luke
16 34 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357

This is to thank you for presenting our position, about The Society of St. Vincent de Paul giving back to the parishes. We are happy to say that some people have responded and donated their automobiles.

We are hoping that the future will bring more people forward.

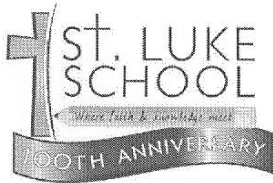
Here's hoping that the coming year will be beneficial to all.

With Appreciation



James C. Shea

SVDP Auto Donor Program



ST. LUKE SCHOOL
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET
718-746-3833 www.slswhitestone.org

***SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
NOW AVAILABLE FOR ST. LUKE SCHOOL
FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR***

Who can apply for a scholarship?

All families who have a child or children enrolled in a Catholic Elementary school in Brooklyn or Queens (Grades Pre K-8) and are in financial need of tuition assistance.

How to apply?

Step 1: Register your child or children in a Catholic Elementary school in Brooklyn or Queens. Obtain the application and other financial aid information from the school.

Step 2: Fill out the application online or via mail and submit with required supporting documentation. **Please note that there is a non-refundable \$21.00 application processing fee, payable by check or money order.** Only one application per family is required.

- Online - Go to www.psas.org - click *Online Application*, authorization code = BROOK.
- Mail to : Private School Aid Service
 P.O. Box 89434
 Cleveland, OH 44101-6434
- **All returned checks will incur an additional fee of \$25.00.**
- Please keep a copy of your completed application and supporting documents.

How are scholarships awarded?

- Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,700 are awarded on a first come-first serve basis. Families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. **Applications received after June 30, 2012 may not be considered for the 2012/2013 academic year.**
- Families will be considered for either the **D.O.B. Scholarship, the Bishop's Scholarship Program or the Angel Program.** Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students based on:
 - Program eligibility
 - Income level
 - Household size
 - Timing of when application is received
- For additional information about our scholarship programs, please visit www.futuresineducation.org/apply-now
- Notifications will be sent to families starting after March 31, 2012 on a rolling basis. Allow approximately 6 to 8 weeks from the time you submit the application to receive a response.

Please note:

- **Only completed applications submitted with all required supporting documents will be considered.**
- Please go to www.psas.org for information on how to check the status of your application.
- All information and documentation provided on this form is kept strictly confidential.
- Please make sure all documentation is copied on regular 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- If you change your child(ren)'s school after submitting the scholarship application, please go immediately to www.psas.org/Brooklyn.html and complete the school change form.
- For questions please call 866.424.6443 or email twintering@psas.org.

CARNIVAL DAY!

Each day, the St. Luke faculty and staff recognize their students. During Catholic Schools Week and on Student Recognition Day our school takes their appreciation for their students a little further. Under the supervision of Mrs. Reiter, Mrs. Fabregas, and dedicated parents, our students had the pleasure of having a Carnival brought to their school! Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, prizes, games, and lots of smiles filled our school on Carnival Day. Class 1-2 was especially thankful, and stated that "This is the best day of our life". Its moments like these that make our days so special here at St. Luke School.





Girls' Night Out

On Saturday, January 21st, amidst the blustery wind and snow, the 7th and 8th grade girls came out to enjoy an evening together.

Dressed in cozy flannel pajamas and blankets in hand, the girls along with their teachers, Mrs. Conlon and Ms. Durso, enjoyed a delicious Italian meal and watched a movie.

It was the perfect way to spend a cold winter evening. There was plenty of good conversation, laughter and food.

It might have been a cold January night, but their hearts were filled with warmth and love. The purpose was simply to celebrate friendship and camaraderie.

Here's to ***GREAT FRIENDS!***





Community News

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH & HEARING CENTER ---

The center, located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, is offering the following free services from Jan. 30 through May 7: **Hearing Aid Help** for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it; **Speech and Hearing Screenings**. Please call the center to schedule an appointment. The number is 718-990-6480.

NEWS FROM THE POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE ---

Benefit concert for the Poppenhusen Institute on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5:30pm. The cost is \$20 pre-event and \$25 at the door.

Break through the Winter Blues Program on Wednesdays, Feb. 15, Feb. 22 & Feb. 29 from 1pm to 4pm. Admission is free.

For more information please call 718-358-0067 or poppenhusen@juno.com.

DOMINICAN VILLAGE ---

Conveniently located on a sprawling, 13 acre campus, Dominican Village is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, Independent and Assisted Living Residence Rental Retirement Community offering outstanding programs, all-inclusive services & bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, contact us today at 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.org.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 6:30pm-11pm at Helen Butler, O.P. Hall, 565 Albany Ave., Amityville, NY. Cost is \$60 per person for Open Bar, Traditional Irish Cuisine, Irish Story Teller, Irish Step Dancers, Music for Dancing, and Raffle Grand Prize of \$2,500. For further information call 631-842-6618.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tues.- Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wed. - Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thurs. - Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Fri. - Jas 2:14-24,26; Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat. - Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**JOSETTE TANZOLA
JENNIE ROMANO
BARBARA SATALINO
ARTOURAS JAOUTAKAS
ANTHONY TROTTA
GLORIA DeSANCTIS
JOHN SCIFO
GRACE MARIA TRINDADE
LOUIS FIAMMA**

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

**RITA ROSE DORE
NATALE SUSINO**

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is given in memory of **VINCENT TIERNEY** requested by the Ring & Zuccarello Families.



The Eucharist

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2012

**Monday, February 13
7:00 Valentino Forgione
12:00 Ippolito Nicoletta**

**Tuesday, February 14
8:30 Deceased Members of the Blewitt & Ferguson Families
12:00 Ana & Karlo Trdoslavic**

**Wednesday, February 15
7:00 Katherine Sommers
12:00 John Dorcic**

**Thursday, February 16
8:30 Carmine Rizzo
12:00 Vincent Tierney**

**Friday, February 17
7:00 Joseph A. Tomasso
12:00 Diana & Michael O'Connor**

**Saturday, February 18
8:30 Giuseppina, Antonio & Alfonso Colalillo**

Collective Intentions Mass ---

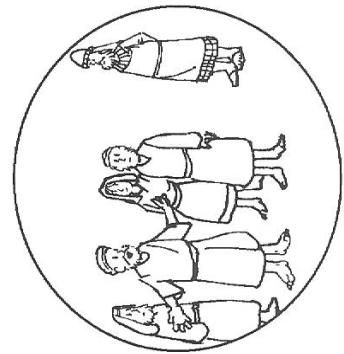
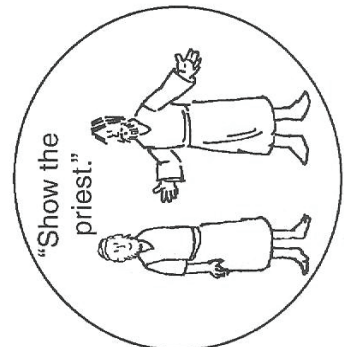
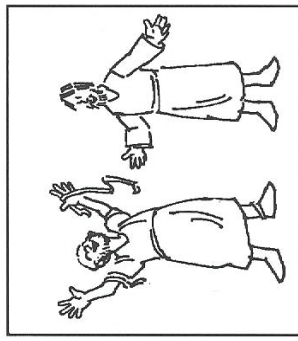
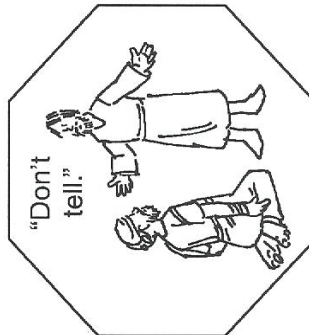
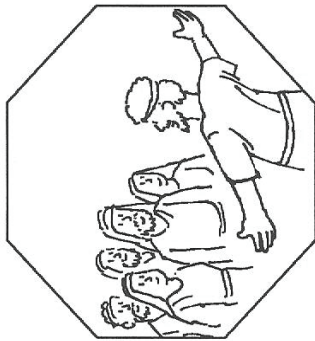
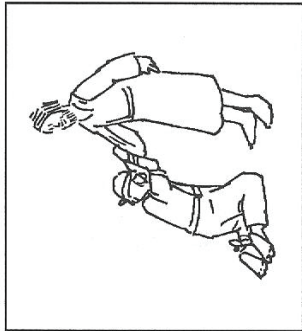
The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11th at 12 noon.

At this Mass we pray for:

ROSA VENTURA

Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone.
The man did not listen.

Match the opposites.



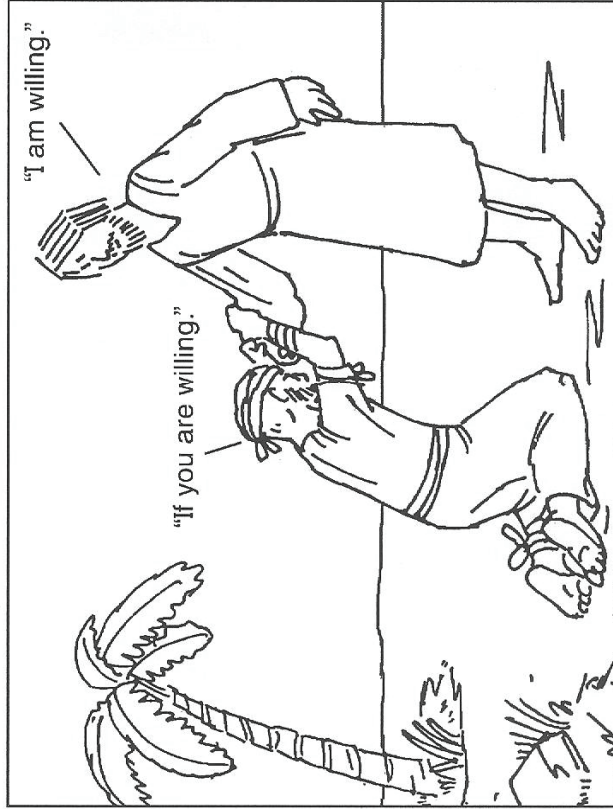
Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3-6

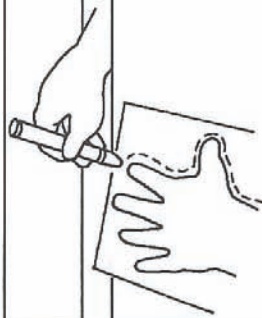
February 12, 2012 • Mark 1:40-45

Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy

A man with leprosy begged Jesus to heal him.



Jesus reached out His hand
and touched the man.



Draw or trace your hand.

The leprosy left the man.
He was healed.

Connect the dots.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T

