

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

*Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd,
they opened up the roof above him.
After they had broken through, they let down the mat
on which the paralytic was lying.
(Mark 2:1-12)*



Wednesday - February 22nd - is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Mention Lent to many Catholics and immediately images of fasting and penitence; giving up candy and other small pleasures; purple colored vestments; sadness and sorrow for Passion; covered statues and meatless Fridays come to mind.

However, the Gospel of this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time presents another way of “seeing” Lent - a time to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus no matter what the cost. The Gospel related the story of the paralytic carried by four men who are unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd. So what do they do - walk away? NO! They open up the roof above Jesus and lower the paralytic on the mat on which he was lying! Jesus moved by this act of faith forgives the paralytic his sins and more. For in answer to the objection of the scribes and to show He has the power to forgive sins - Jesus says: “*Rise, pick up your mat and walk!*”

Lent, therefore, urges us to encounter Jesus by removing the obstacles that prevent us from reaching him - or that prevent Jesus from coming to us.

What prevents us from this encounter with Jesus who desires to heal us and forgive us our sins? For many Lent is a sad and gloomy time focusing on our sinfulness. Nothing could be farther from the truth. How do you think the paralytic felt when he heard those words of Jesus: your sins are forgiven; get up and walk? Gloomy? Sad? Of course not! He was filled with joy. So it should be with us.

Lent is a joyful time because of the God who loves us; heals us and forgives us.

So - what roof must you - and I - open up to be with Jesus? Lent requires discipline and hard work (like opening a roof); it requires conversion and change of heart - but what joy awaits those who do the work.

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Tosi

And don't forget those four men! Who or what will help us find Jesus? Start now and receive those ashes - in faith and joy.

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 12	\$12,900
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Envelopes Mailed	1,883
Envelopes Received	701

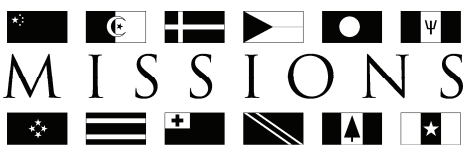
May he rest in peace ---

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio regrets to inform us of the death of the **Rev. Eugene Donnelly**, a retired senior priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Fr. Donnelly grew up in Saint Luke Parish in a house on Murray Street; attended and graduated St. Luke School. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 22, 1948 and was assigned to St. Luke Parish where he served as a parish priest for 17 years. Fr. Donnelly was then assigned to Our Lady of Fatima where he served until his retirement. Fr. Donnelly died on February 12, 2012 at his residence in Our Lady of Fatima.

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION ---

Next weekend, **February 25 & 26** there will be two collections. The first collection is for the support of the parish. The second collection is for the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to both collections is greatly appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS ---

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

**Saturday, February 25, 2012
1pm**

**NINO TIBURZI
&
CINDY NAVIA TIBURZI**

A NOTE OF



To the Padre Pio Prayer Group for hosting Hospitality Sunday after the Masses last weekend. A good time was had by all who stopped over in the school hall enjoying some of the cakes and cookies - many home made - provided by the members of the Prayer Group. Many parishioners came to express thanks to Eddie Weisenburger for 14 years as weekend sacristan and assure him of our prayers as he trains to become a New York Police Officer.

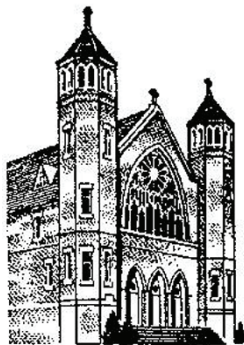
**Next Hospitality Sunday:
March 11**



In Observance of Presidents Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00am.

CAMPAIGN

O R N E R



The Campaign has truly shown once again the special place of Saint Luke Parish in the hearts of our parishioners. Over and over again parishioners have shared with me their willingness to sacrifice for the parish they love. I thought I would share with you a letter I recently received from parishioners that exhibits what I have experienced in the Campaign. It has been and continues to be a blessing for which I am most grateful

Msgr. Tosi

January 31, 2012
Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi, Administrator
St. Luke Church
Whitestone

Dear Monsignor Tosi:

My wife and I have pledged \$10,000 to Serving the Present; Building the Future, and we submitted a check in the amount of \$1,000 at the time of the pledge. The enclosed check in the amount of \$150 is the first of the monthly payments to which we have committed ourselves in fulfillment of our initial pledge.

But you will also find a second check in the amount of \$500 enclosed as well. We were pleased to learn at this weekend's Mass that the goal of the campaign has almost been reached. Inspired by that information, we have decided to supplement our original pledge with a further pledge of \$2,500 to be paid in amounts of \$500 annually, of which this is the first.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners who have committed so much of their time, effort and devotion to this campaign. And, of course, to thank you, Monsignor Tosi, and our Parochial Vicars, Father Dettmer and Father Chirichella, for bringing us the Eucharist and the Gospel, and for reminding us in so many ways, including this campaign, that our parish community is indeed a community.

Sincerely,

As of February 15th, the total amount raised is \$2,997,726.

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 and registration form in this bulletin.

6. 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. 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. 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 week 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.



7. 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 6, 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 _____

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



**ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER-DANCE
IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH ---**

Join us on **Saturday, March 17th** for our annual Dinner Dance in Honor of Saint Joseph. This event will take place in St. Luke's School Hall from 7:00pm until Midnight. Great food, great music, raffles and fun! Tickets are \$55 per person.

For more information, please call Damiana Testa at (718) 746-6269.



**Welcome to
Our Family**

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Sunday	Baptism Class
March 11 & 25	March 19
April 29	April 16
May 20 & 27	May 21
June 10 & 24	June 18

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



SPECIAL SAINT JOSEPH MASS IN ITALIAN ---

Monday, March 19th is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to the regular parish Masses in English at 7:00am and 12:00 noon there will be a Mass in Italian in Honor of Saint Joseph at 7:00pm.

Before the Mass at 6:30pm there will be the blessing of a new statue of Saint Joseph and the child Jesus to be located in the parking lot across from the church. We wish to thank Luigi Romano for the donation of the statue in memory of his son Giuseppe and his loving wife Rosa.

Join us for both the blessing of the statue and the celebration of Mass in honor of Saint Joseph and start a new parish tradition.

Speaking of Traditions ---

If any parishioner is setting up a Saint Joseph altar in their house and would like it blessed by one of the parish priests, please call the rectory.

MESSA SPECIALE DI SAN GIUSEPPE IN ITALIANO ---

Lunedì 19 Marzo è la ricorrenza della Solennità di San Giuseppe, Sposo della Beata Vergine Maria. Oltre alla Messa regolare delle 7:00 del mattino e di mezzogiorno ci sarà anche una Messa in Italiano in onore di San Giuseppe alle 7:00 della sera.

Prima della Messa, alle 6:30, ci sarà la Benedizione della statua di San Giuseppe e del Bambino Gesù che sarà, dopo, posta nel parcheggio di fronte alla Chiesa.

Vogliamo ringraziare Luigi Romano per la donazione della statua in memoria del figlio Giuseppe e della moglie Rosa.

Unitevi a noi per la Benedizione della statua ed a celebrare l'Eucarestia in Onore di San Giuseppe cominciando così una nuova tradizione della nostra parrocchia.

Parlando di Tradizione ---

Se qualche parrocchiano di San Luca prepara l'Altare di San Giuseppe in casa, e vorrebbe farlo Benedire da uno dei Sacerdoti, è pregato di chiamare la Rettoria.



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.

SIX THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HHS MANDATE ---

Washington - The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the following clarifications regarding the Health and Human Services regulations on mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. The following was received from Rev. Msgr. Kieran E. Harrington, Vicar for Communications, R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn.

1. **The mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities or hospitals.** These institutions are vital to the mission of the Church, but HHS does not deem them “religious employers” worthy of conscience protection, because they do not “serve primarily persons who share the(ir) religious tenets.” HHS denies these organizations religious freedom precisely because their purpose is to serve the common good of society -a purpose that government should encourage, not punish.
2. **The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral.** Under the mandate, the government forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; forces religious employers and schools to sponsor and subsidize coverage that violates their beliefs; and forces religious employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.
3. **The mandate forces coverage of sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs and devices as well as contraception.** Though commonly called the “contraceptive mandate” HHS’s mandate also forces employers to sponsor and subsidize coverage of sterilization. And by including all drugs approved by the FDA for use as contraceptives, the HHS mandate includes drugs that can induce abortion, such as “Ella,” a close cousin of the abortion pill RU-486.
4. **Catholics of all political persuasions are unified in their opposition to the mandate.** Catholics who have long supported this Administration and its healthcare policies have publicly criticized HHS’s decision, including columnists E.J. Dionne, Mark Shields, and Michael Sean Winters; college presidents Father John Jenkins and Arturo Chavez; and Daughter of Charity Sister Carol Keehan, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States.
5. **Many other religious and secular people and groups have spoken out strongly against the mandate.** Many recognize this as an assault on the broader principle of religious liberty, even if they disagree with the Church on the underlying moral question. For example, Protestant Christian, Orthodox Christian, and Orthodox Jewish groups - none of which oppose contraception - have issued statements against the HHS’s decision. The Washington Post, USA Today, N.Y. Daily News, Detroit News and other secular outlets, columnists, and bloggers have editorialized against it.
6. **The federal mandate is much stricter than existing state mandates.** HHS chose the narrowest state-level religious exemption as the model for its own. That exemption was drafted by the ACLU and exists in only 3 states (New York, California, Oregon). Even without a religious exemption, religious employers can already avoid the contraceptive mandates in 28 states by self-insuring their prescription drug coverage, dropping that coverage altogether, or opting for regulation under a federal law (ERISA) that pre-empts state law. The HHS mandate closes off all these avenues of relief.

Additional information on the U.S. Catholic’s bishops’ stance on religious liberty, conscience protection and the HHS ruling regarding mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs is available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>.

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

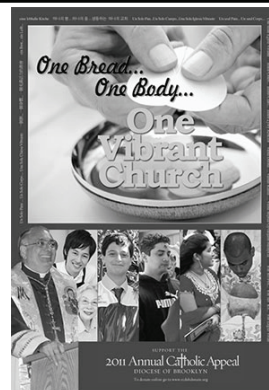
Top Ten Parishes ---

As reported in the February 4, 2012 edition of the Tablet, due to the generosity of many of our parishioners, Saint Luke Parish was among the top ten parishes in the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal in two categories:

*Dollars Received - St. Luke ranked #5
with \$143,368 received.*

and

*Number of Gifts - St. Luke ranked #10
with 519 gifts given to the appeal.*



Once again thank you to all who supported the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal.



Prayer of Thanks

Almighty Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, we acknowledge your goodness and how much you have blessed us with your many gifts.

In your loving kindness, bless the Diocese of Brooklyn and our Annual Catholic Appeal. Help us, your people, to respond generously to your goodness by returning to you a portion of what you have given to us through sacrificial giving.

May the Holy Spirit give us the wisdom to discern our true needs and to recognize the many needs of those around us.

May the results of this Appeal reflect our commitment to fulfill the promises of our Baptism by living in unity of faith and by serving all who are in need.

May it advance the mission of your Church here in Brooklyn and Queens and help us bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world.

For we are One Bread...One Body...One Vibrant Church.

We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**ST. LUKE'S LENTEN
SOUP SUPPER
&
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



The St. Luke Youth Group will be cooking up and serving a variety of delicious soups for the parish Lenten Soup Supper! Dinner will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

Everyone is invited – Come have dinner with your St. Luke Family

**Please join your parish family in the school hall on
Friday March 9th**

Dinner from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross from 7:30 – 8:30 PM



*Soup ... Bread & Rolls ... Soda ...
Coffee & Light Dessert*



Only - \$5.00 per person

Please use the tear off below to RSVP by March 4th

All children must have at least one adult with them. Thank you.

If joining our Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross please return this tear off to the rectory or in the collection baskets any weekend by Sunday March 4th

(Please Print)

Name: _____

of Adults: _____ **# of Children** _____

Phone # _____ **Email** _____

All children must have at least one adult with them. Thank you.



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

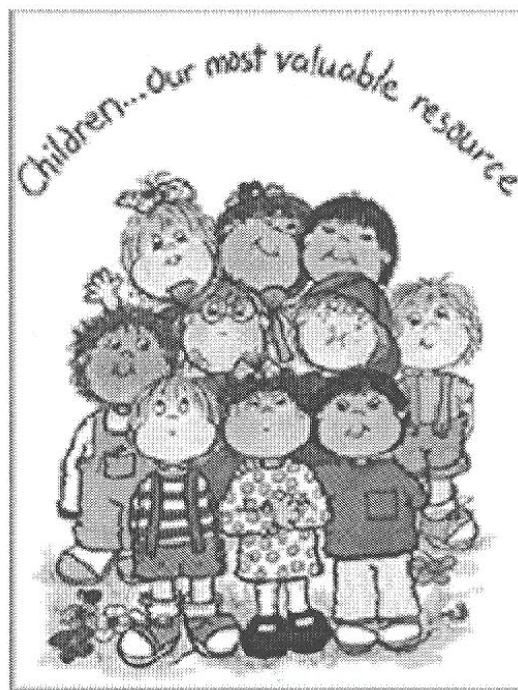
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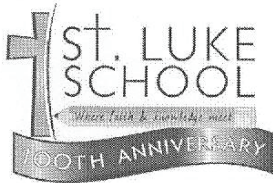
**To reserve a seat, please speak to Fernando Minchella, Damiana Testa or
Angela Masullo or call the Rectory.**

Great News!!

St. Luke School
is pleased to announce
the opening of a
Full Day Nursery Program
(8:15AM—2:15PM)
beginning September 2012.

For more information, please call 718-746-3833





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.

**8th Grade
Blue vs. Gold Speedball Game**

The yearly Blue vs. Gold speedball game is one of the highly anticipated 8th Grade events.

The game held in our school gym during Catholic Schools Week is always filled with great excitement. This year was no different.

You could feel the electricity in the gym as the students clad in bright blue or gold t-shirts stretched and prepared for the game. Our physical education teacher, Mrs. Thomas, always sets the mood with great background music. The students all showed incredible skill and most importantly sportsmanship.

They cheered for their teammates and for their classmates. There was much laughter and a few sighs of disappointment, and in the end, the Gold team was victorious.

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Gold Team!

Our gratitude to Mrs. Thomas for her expertise and patience
and

Thank You to the entire 8th Grade Class for their teamwork and cooperation!!



CLASS OF 2012 RING DAY

On January 20th, the 8th Grade celebrated their first of many graduation activities by receiving their class rings. Ring Day has become a rite of passage to those students on their way towards graduation, marking one stage of their life to another. As these students wear their rings, they will be displaying their St. Luke pride, while being an outward symbol of what's to come, their diploma. Circles have long been prime examples for not only timelessness, but also wholeness and homecoming. Monsignor Tosi emphasized this point that day as he stressed that St. Luke will always be a home where the students will be welcomed. The festivities didn't end after the ceremony, as the celebration continued into the night with the Ring Day Dance. While the school rings display a physical and spiritual connection, it is important to remember that, "Among life's precious jewels, genuine and rare, the one that we call friendship, has worth beyond compare."





Community News

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION ---

Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 7pm-11:30pm (liturgy at 5:30pm): Holy Cross High School Alumni Homecoming Reunion, Classes '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07. Tickets are \$65 per person. Contact Jennifer Dullahan at (718) 886-7250, ext. 609; jdullahan@holycrosshs.org.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE ---

Join us on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland and to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. June 8-18, 2012. Chaplains Fr. Brian Dowd & Fr. James Cunningham. Spiritual Director: Bishop Frank Caggiano.

For a brochure call: 1-800-225-7662.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ST. MEL'S ---

Invita tutti alla Gran Festa di San Giuseppe.
Venerdì 16 Marzo 2012 nella Chiesa di St. Melore 7:30pm - 26-15 154th St., Flushing.
Messa Solenne con il Vescovo Frank Caggiano e distribuzione del pane.
(Seguiranno rinfreschi in Father O'Malley Hall)

37th ANNUAL IRISH CULTURAL DAY on Sunday, March 4th from noon to 5pm at St. Mel's Church (Auditorium) 154th St. & 26th Ave., Flushing
Continuous live Irish music, song and dance, exhibits (displaying and selling).
Adults \$6, children under 12 free. Free tea/coffee, Irish soda bread/cake. Sponsored by L.A.O.H. Div. 15, Whitestone. For more info call (718) 746-3837.

The Little Sisters of the Poor
QUEEN OF PEACE RESIDENCE

Invite You To Celebrate
St. Patrick's Day
with us at our Annual
Irish Night dinner & dance

with Live Music by
IRISH MIST

Thursday, March 1st
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
at Antun's of Queens Village
96-43 Springfield Blvd

Advance Reservations Required
Admission is \$40/per person

For reservations, please call 718-464-1800 ext. 2544
or email: qpdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tues.- Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

*Wed. - JI 2:12-18; Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6,16-18*

Thurs. - Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Fri. - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Sat. - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

JOSETTE TANZOLA

JENNIE ROMANO

BARBARA SATALINO

ARTOURAS JAOUTAKAS

ANTHONY TROTTA

GLORIA DeSANCTIS

GRACE MARIA TRINDADE

LOUIS FIAMMA

ANTHONY CHIANESE

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

MAUREEN O'CONNOR

MICHAEL FINN

KEVIN A. LYNCH

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LORRAINE GIACCIO

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is given in memory of *MAUREEN O'CONNOR* at the request of Roseann Napolitano and Laura & Joseph Vespi.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *MARIO CALABRO* at the request of Armand & Maria DiChiara.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Monday, February 20

7:00 Rosa Ventura

12:00 Theresa & John Vosilla

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 Mario Calabro

12:00 Luigi Murro

Ash Wednesday, February 22

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12 noon ,

4:00pm Prayer Service, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 23

8:30 Marion & Charles Saffer

12:00 James Farrell (Birthday)

Friday, February 24

7:00 For a Special Intention

12:00 Joseph Strippoli (Birthday)

Saturday, February 25

8:30 Rocco Michielli

Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th at 12 noon.

At this Mass we pray for:

SUSAN SODANO

GIUSEPPINA TARDUGNO

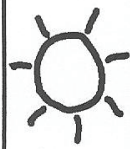
MARIA DIGIORGIO

Everyone was amazed. They praised God.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



Children's Worship Bulletin



Ages 3-6

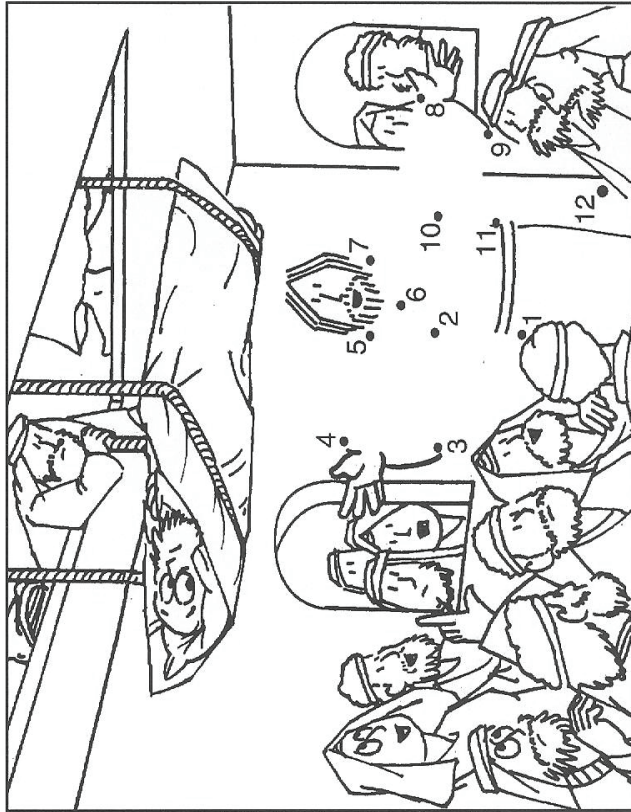
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Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

A paralyzed man wanted to see Jesus.
His friends lowered him from the roof.

Connect the dots.

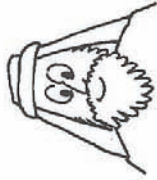
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Jesus saw the man's faith.
 What did Jesus tell him?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

□ = R ○ = N △ = S
 ▭ = F ◇ = V



“YOU _____ □”

I _____ △
 _____ ○ _____ △

A _____ □ E

_____ ○ _____ GI _____ E _____ ◇
 _____ ▭ _____

Jesus healed the paralyzed man.

Circle 6 differences in the 2nd picture.

