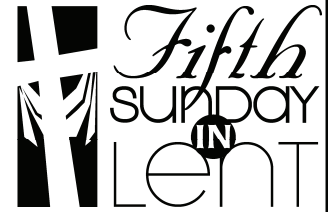


FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---



Our Lenten journey moves quickly toward the celebration of Holy Week which begins next Sunday, Palm Sunday. This is the most sacred week of the year - for it is the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery - by His Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection we have been saved - sins forgiven and we have been given a share in divine Life. What we celebrate in Holy Week is the mystery of our salvation in Christ. In Baptism we are united to Christ - in death and new life. Jesus spoke of this mystery in today's Gospel:

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

(John 12:20-13)

We adore the holy cross - the instrument of Christ's death, because in faith we believe the Cross the instrument of our salvation. Easter Sunday proclaims Christ's victory over sin and death; his gift a new and eternal life. We hail the Cross as our only hope.

How will you and I make Holy Week what it is called - Holy? Will this week be just like any other week? Or will we make it truly holy by increased prayer, fasting and works of charity? Will we look for moments of quiet time to be with the Lord? Will we seek to do works of kindness and charity for others? Will we give to the poor? Visit the sick? Help the needy?

And of course, will we participate in the solemn celebrations and liturgies of the church here at Saint Luke? I would take this opportunity to invite you to spend Holy Week with us here at the parish. Together we are invited into the mystery of Christ's saving deeds and respond with our lives of faith, hope and charity. And why not invite a neighbor, friend or relative to come with you - maybe someone who doesn't practice the faith or someone in need of a special grace:

*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.*

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

A complete Schedule for Holy Week and Easter celebrations is published in today's bulletin.

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY – 1 April 2012

Saturday Evening – 31 March 2011

Mass – 5:00pm

Sunday Masses- 1 April 2012

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

Monday - 2 April 2012

Reconciliation Monday

Mass at 7:00am & 12 Noon

1:00pm-5:00pm Confessions

7:30pm – Evening of Prayer

followed by Confessions

Tuesday – 3 April 2012

Mass at 8:30am & 12 Noon

7:30pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday – 4 April 2012

Mass – 7:00am & 12 Noon

7:30pm – Evening Prayer



HOLY THURSDAY – 5 April 2012

Church opens at 8:30am

10:00am – Sung Morning Prayer

7:30pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
English/Italian

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the
Repository until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY – 6 April 2012

Church opens at 8:30am

10:00am – Sung Morning Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Passion –
3:00pm, 6:00pm (Italian) & 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – 7 April 2012

Church opens at 8:30am

10:00am – Sung Morning Prayer

3:30pm-4:30pm – Confessions

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON
HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm – EASTER VIGIL

English/Italian

EASTER SUNDAY – 8 April 2012

Mass – 7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am
11:45am, 1:00pm

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 18	\$12,793
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Envelopes Mailed	1,988
Envelopes Received	703

A REMINDER ---



As in past years all parish meetings - including all organizations and prayer groups - are **cancelled** during Holy Week and Easter Week from **Saturday, March 31st to Sunday, April 15th.** All meetings resume the week of April 16th. Hopefully this change to our regular parish schedule will help focus us on the sacred events of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection taking place in Holy Week and provide a little rest after Easter.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION ---

If you are an adult Catholic who had received baptism and holy communion but still has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, an Adult Confirmation Class is now being formed to begin after Easter. Please contact Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at 718-746-3409 for additional information. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 27.



RECONCILIATION MONDAY ---

APRIL 2ND

On Monday of Holy Week, April 2, special opportunities will be made available to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) in all the parishes of our diocese including here at Saint Luke. Known as **Reconciliation Monday**, this day will also be observed in our neighboring dioceses of Rockville Centre and the Archdiocese of New York.

The schedule for the day here at Saint Luke is as follows:

Confessions 1:00pm to 5:00pm
7:30pm Evening Prayer
Confessions to follow.

Confessions will be available in English and Italian in the church. When was the last time you experienced God's mercy and forgiveness? Do not be afraid! The Lord waits to forgive. What joy we can make in heaven when one sinner repents.

YOUR EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH

A special collection will be taken up next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 1st at all the Masses for your **Easter Gift to the Church**. An envelope for this collection has been mailed to our parishioners. Only one collection will be taken up on Palm Sunday so you are asked to place both the Palm Sunday envelope and your **Easter Gift to the Church** envelope in the one collection. Your generosity to this special "**Easter Gift to the Church**" is of great help to the parish and most appreciated.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ---

Monday Evenings at 7:30pm in Italian

Wednesday Afternoons at 1:00pm

Friday Evenings at 7:30pm

Friday, March 30 - **Prayer Groups**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ---

Every Tuesday during Lent from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.



PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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

Baptism Sunday	Baptism Class
*April 14 (Sat.) & 29	April 16
May 20 & 27	May 21
June 24	June 18

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

*Due to Easter, an additional date has been added to April on a Saturday to make up for the second Sunday baptism date which usually occurs.



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA ---

The Saint Anthony novena continues on Tuesdays with a Mass in honor of Saint Anthony on the feast day, **Wednesday, June 13.**



PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP ---

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30pm in the church.

All are welcome.



GOOD FRIDAY

Comitato Festa Di Maria SS. Del Romitello Borgetto

In collaborazione con la Chiesa di San Luca sita al 16-34 Clintonville St., Whitestone

Processione Del Venerdì Santo - 6 Aprile

5:30PM Liturgia della croce

7:00PM processione per le vie de Whitestone

Il Comitato invita tutti quanti a questa celebrazione.



Tradizionale Processione del Venerdì Santo 6 Aprile 2012 8:00pm

Sara presente

S.E. Rev. ma Frank J. Caggiano

Vescovo Ausiliare della Diocesi di Brooklyn con Sacerdoti, Diaconi e Parrocchiani del vicinato.

Benedizione conclusive con la reliquia della Santa Croce ogni fedele e pregato di portare una candela. La processione avra inizio dalla 66.ma Strada e 16th Avenue fino a raggiungere il sagrato della Chiesa di N.S. di Guadalupe. Partecipiamo numerosi.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ---

APRIL 15TH

The church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 15th.

Special Divine Mercy Devotions will be prayed at 3:00pm in the church to mark this special day rejoicing in God's divine love and mercy. All are invited to honor the Divine Mercy of Christ.

**FAMILY MASS - PALM SUNDAY,
APRIL 1ST ---**



The next Family Mass is scheduled for Palm Sunday at the 11:45am Mass. The young people present are invited to join Msgr. Tosi for the Blessing of Palm at the front door of the church and then join the Procession with Palm into the church. They will then join their families for the rest of the Mass.

All are invited to celebrate Palm Sunday at the Family Mass.

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED?

In the dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil may be observed. This traditional practice is a visible reminder of the centrality of Christ and His Paschal Mystery in our lives as Christians. Thus the images of the saints are covered to focus our attention on Christ our Savior. He is our salvation - a salvation achieved at so great a price.

A NOTE OF THANKS ---

On Monday evening, March 19th, a special Mass in Italian was offered for the first time in honor of St. Joseph. Well over 600 people participated in the Mass and a large number came to the refreshments that followed.

Msgr. Tosi was the main celebrant and Father Vincent preached.

It is our hope to continue this tradition in the years to come.

The following was received by Msgr. Tosi.



March 19, 2012

Dear Msgr. Tosi,

Thank you for the wonderful tradition that you started this evening in honor of St. Joseph. Thank you and Sr. Chiochella for your inspiring instruction and encouragement. I pray that St. Joseph will bless you and your parish.

Sincerely,



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



**St. Luke School is pleased to announce that our Eighth Grade has achieved 100% acceptance into Catholic High Schools for September 2012!
We are very proud of their accomplishments!**

**The following students of the Class of 2012
were awarded scholarships totaling \$220,720**

**Nishwa Ali
Victoria Castellano
Anna Fitzpatrick
Katerina Katakaldes**

**Fabiana Macchiarulo
Aisling McDonagh**

**Theresa McDonagh
Hai Nguyen
Antonio Polito
Michael Rubin**

Julia Rukaj

**Chandni Sahoo
Lorraine Tuohy**

**St. Agnes Academic High School
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St. Agnes Academic High School
St. Mary's High School
Msgr. John J. McCann Pastor's Scholarship
St. Mary's High School
Dominican Academy
Marymount School
St. Vincent Ferrer High School
St. Agnes Academic High School
St. Mary's High School
St. Mary's High School
St. Mary's High School
Msgr. John J. McCann Pastor's Scholarship
Archbishop Molloy High School
Full Scholarship
St. Agnes Academic High School
St. Mary's High School**

ST. LUKE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The Principal's Award is given to students in grades 4-8 who have attained a trimester grade average of 97% or above and have not received a U in Art, Computer, Spanish or Physical Education.

Congratulations to the following students!

Grade 4

Samantha DeTurris
Olivia Kegel
Matthew Weinberger



Grade 5

Ivana Arzic
Juliana Estevez
Justin Keszthelyi
Michael Loccisano
Peter Paolo
Luke Papadopoulos

Grade 7

Sabrina Antonelli
Mellina Calzolaio
Megan Clifford
Michelle Doherty
Julia Greco
Connor Hayes
Massimo Indolini

Grade 6

Sabrina Antonelli
Megan Clifford
Michelle Doherty
Massimo Indolini
Fiachra McDonagh
Neeraj Sakhrani
Grace Spiezia
Jenna Ventura

Grade 8

Sabrina Blaskovic
Aisling McDonagh
Julia Rukaj
Lorraine Tuohy

New York City Honor Band

Congratulations to the following students from St. Luke School who have been selected and are participating in the 2012 New York City Catholic School Honor Band Concert.



Josip Banovic
Anthony Caruso
Alexis Colletti
David DeTurris
Anna Fitzpatrick
Lily Fitzpatrick
Justin Hansen
Thomas Haufe
Neeraj Sakhrani
Richard Schiano
Timothy Sommer
Grace Spiezia

The concert will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 1:00PM at St. John's Preparatory School in Astoria. These students represent the "best of the best" musicians from the area schools participating in the Paul Effman Music Program, which is given at St. Luke School. They will rehearse for over 12 hours and perform a concert.

We are very proud of our musicians!



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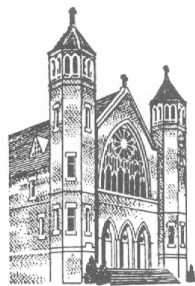
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**The Campaign for Saint Luke
has now raised in pledges:**

\$3,021,396

Update:

This past week nearly 1,100 brochures were mailed to those parishioners who are registered in the parish, use the weekly envelopes and have not as yet made a pledge to the campaign.

I have asked campaign volunteers to call each of these parishioners in my name to assist them in making their pledge. No home visits are necessary. Either send your response envelope directly to Msgr. Tosi or the volunteers will take your pledge over the phone.

Please respond to the phone call as you would to me. Consider making your pledge NOW.

A copy of a letter sent to the pastors of our neighboring parishes regarding use of their church for weddings and funerals is included in this bulletin. We are grateful for their cooperation in allowing us use of their church during necessary renovation work when our church will be closed (December 26, 2012 to March 22, 2013).

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

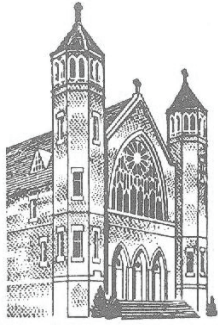
Total Pledge Amount \$25,000 \$18,000 \$12,000 \$6,000 \$2,500 \$1,200

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



Saint Luke Church

16-34 CLINTONVILLE STREET
WHITESTONE, NEW YORK 11357
TEL: (718) 746-8102 • FAX: (718) 746-3589

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March 16, 2012

Dear Father,

Permit me to inform you that the church of Saint Luke will be closed from after Christmas 2012 (December 26, 2012) to before Easter 2013 (March 22, 2013) to accomplish needed interior repair and maintenance. While we are offering the use of what was the lower church for religious services including weddings and funerals, it is most likely parishioners will select other churches. Thus the purpose of this letter.

We would like to assist our parishioners during this time while making it as convenient as possible for the parishes involved. Therefore so as not to further burden you, I am requesting simply the use of the church. We would provide all the necessary preparation including the priest celebrant, the organist and singer and other ministers. This would involve:

- For Weddings: Doing the required paperwork and pre-wedding preparation; availability to officiate at the sacrament; and providing the organist and singer.
- For Funerals: Availability for the wake; preparation of the liturgy through our Consolation Ministry; availability to celebrate the funeral Mass; and providing the organist and singer.

For both Weddings and Funerals the usual fee would be given to the host church minus the fee for the organist and singer.

This information will be shared with our parishioners now through the parish bulletin and as each occasion presents itself.

I will be in touch with you personally within the next few weeks to discuss this request with you. In the meantime if you have any questions please give me a call.

Although an exciting time for our parish, such an extensive project brings with it many concerns. Therefore your cooperation, understanding and fraternal assistance is greatly appreciated.

God bless you, your ministry and your parish.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi
Administrator

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"Fashion in Bloom"

Saint Luke School Fashion Show Committee
Cordially invites you to attend our
6th Annual Ladies Fashion Show

Friday, April 20, 2012
7:00 P.M. - Midnight

Terrace on the Park

Grand Ballroom
52-11 111th Street
Flushing Meadows Park, New York

Enjoy an evening of
Good Company, Great Food, Music,
Dancing, Fabulous Raffle Prizes and
Beautiful Fashions Provided by
Dress Barn & Carina Boutique

Cocktail Hour, Full Buffet Dinner,
Open Bar, Coffee & Desserts

\$70 Admission per Person

"Fashion in Bloom" St. Luke 6th Annual Fashion Show
A Response is Requested before **March 27, 2012**



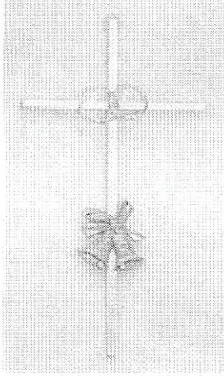
Return this slip and money to St. Luke School Attn: Fashion Show Committee or call 718 746-3833 to arrange for pick up.

Name and Guests seating at table _____

(Make all effort to arrange tables of 10 people) Note: If your party is smaller than 10 persons, you will be seated with other guests.
If needed, arrangements can be made for larger tables - kindly call or email Adriana 718 309-4778; email stlukecommittee@aol.com

Number of Persons Attending _____, Enclosed is \$ _____, Tel #: _____

** No Tickets will be issued. Check in at door is required. Make check payable to St. Luke School. Thank you for your support. **



Please Join us at the Annual

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, PhD., D.D.,
Celebrant

Saturday, April 28, 2012
11:00 AM

Our Lady of Angels Church
7320 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209



All couples celebrating their Anniversary

25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and above

Are invited to attend with their families.

This is a beautiful celebration of love and commitment.

All couples will receive a personalized certificate
and will have their picture taken with the Bishop.

There will be light refreshments following Mass.



If you have any questions regarding this celebration,
please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 718-281-9540.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Luk 1:26-38
Tues.- Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed. - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs. - Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri. - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat. - Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

JOSETTE TANZOLA
JENNIE ROMANO
ARTOURAS JAOUTAKAS
ANTHONY TROTTA
LOUIS FIAMMA
ANNA IVERSON
EDWARD MORLEY
BABY OLIVIA GRACE BREEN

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

LYDIA MARTINEZ-MONCION
CATHERINE BUFFA
PETER PAZ
MARY CHILION
DANIEL D. GODLEY

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is given in memory of **ANTHONY CHIANESE** requested by Paul & Marilyn Rice.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of **FLORENCE COTUGNO** requested by Armand and Maria DiChiara.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2012

Monday, March 26
7:00 Margaret DeGaeta
12:00 Silvano Melotin (Birthday)

Tuesday, March 27
8:30 John & Maryanne Curran
12:00 Joseph Tomasso (Birthday)

Wednesday, March 28
7:00 Florence Cotugno
12:00 Alfredo Sciorilli

Thursday, March 29
8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Molfetta
12:00 Silvano Melotin (Anniversary)

Friday, March 30
7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Espy Couto
12:00 Deceased Members of the Trajbar Family

Saturday, March 31
8:30 Catherine & Carmine Arnone & Joseph & Frances Lorenzo

Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, March 25 at 11:45am.

At this Mass we pray for:

CALOGERO LOGIUDICE



“The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion”

On Monday, April 2nd, St. John’s University is hosting a live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross performed by Creative Ministries. Experience the trial of Jesus, His Journey through the streets of Jerusalem, and His final moments on the cross.

***Monday, April 2nd at 8:00pm
St. Thomas More Church
St. John’s University
8000 Utopia Parkway***

Information on St. John’s University and directions can be found at www.stjohns.edu.

30th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

Way of the Cross

The Way to Peace



*April 6th, 2012
47th Street at First Ave.
8:30 AM*

Join with over 5 00 people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. Reflect with us ‘How do I do for others what Jesus is doing

for me? How am I called to live in this world?’ The Walk will take place from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 6th. We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS

The Good Friday Way of the Cross is organized each year by Pax Christi Metro New York, a regional section of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace. For further information about our work, please contact us at 371 Sixth Ave., New York, NY, 10014; 212-420-0250; nypaxchristi@igc.org; or www.nypaxchristi.org.

“Father, glorify Your name.”

Count the word “glorify” below.

How many? 3 4 5 or 6 ?

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glorify
glorify
glorify
glorify

Children's Worship Bulletin™



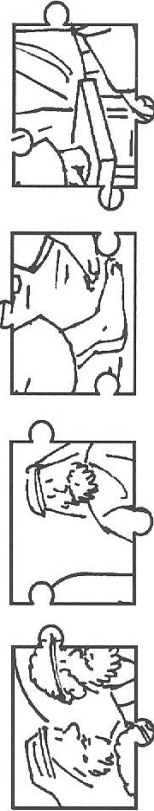
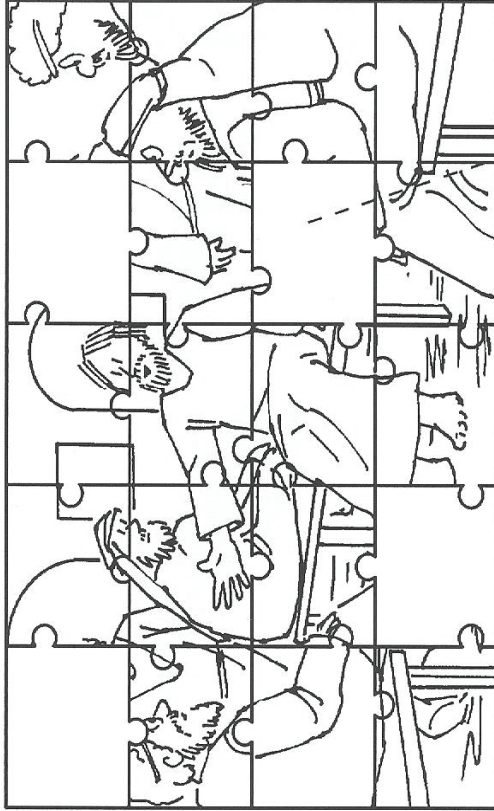
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March 25, 2012 • John 12:20-33

Jesus Speaks of Glorification

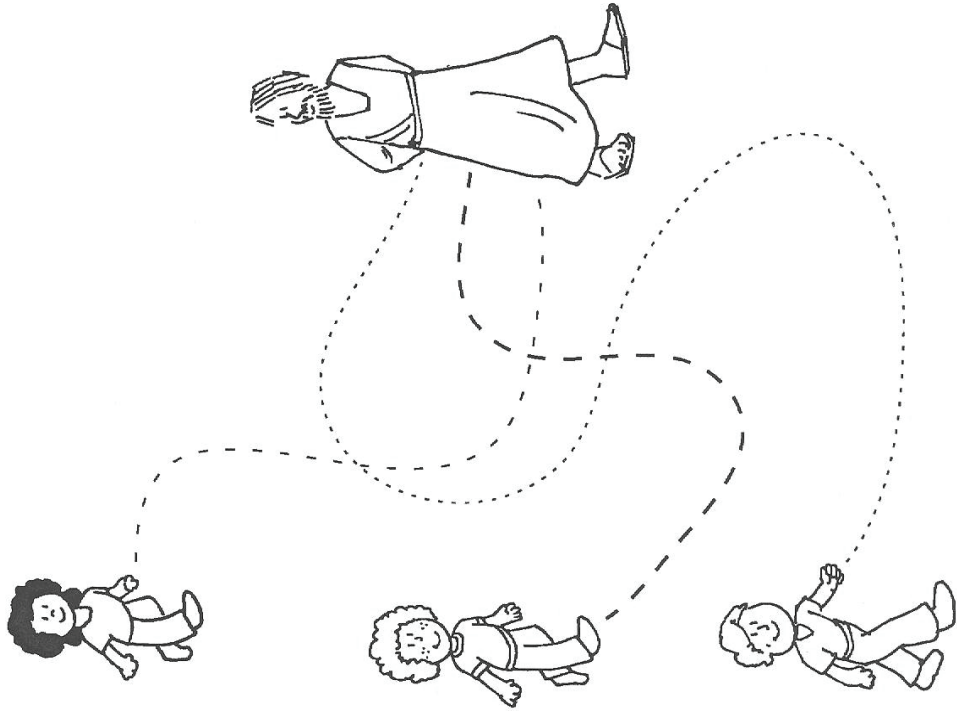
“It is time for the
Son of Man to be glorified,” said Jesus.

Match the puzzle pieces.



“Whoever serves Me must follow Me.”

Trace the lines.



Jesus also said, “It was for this reason I came to this hour.”

Circle the 2 that are alike.

