Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, New York

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

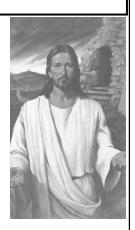
On this Palm Sunday the church begins the week called holy - a special time of grace as we celebrate the life giving mystery of our salvation in Christ. I encourage all to make every effort to make this week a truly Holy Week - celebrate the solemn liturgies; take time for prayer; read the scriptures; be active in works of charity and service!

May our Lenten journey of conversion lead us to the Joy of Easter.

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray for one another.





ST. LUKE CHURCH Whitestone, New York

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2012

PALM SUNDAY - 1 April 2012
Saturday Evening - 31 March 2012
Mass - 5:00pm
Sunday Masses - 1 April 2012
7:30am, 9:00am - Italian
10:30am, 11:45am - Family Mass
1:00pm, 5:00pm
On PALM SUNDAY the first collection
is for the support of the Parish is for the support of the Parish.
A second collection will be taken for
YOUR EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH.

MONDAY - 2 April 2012 Reconciliation Monday s - 7:00am Mass - 12:00 Noon 1:00pm-5:00pm Confessions Mass - 7:00am 7:30pm - Evening Prayer followed by Confessions

TUESDAY - 3 April 2012 Mass - 8:30am Mass -12:00 Noon 7:30pm - Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY - 4 April 2012 Mass-7:00am Mass - 12 Noon 7:30pm Evening Prayer

HOLY THURSDAY - 5 April 2012 Church Opens - 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.

Following the Church's recommendation that only one Mass be celebrated, please note that there will be NO Morning Mass on Holy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY - 6 April 2012

Church Opens- 8:30am 10:00am - Sung Morning Prayer 3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Italian) 8:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The GOOD FRIDAY collection traditionally is used by the Church for the support of the Holy Places hallowed by Our Savior's Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection.

HOLY SATURDAY - 7 April 2012

Church Opens - 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 Only one collection will be taken for the support of the parish and for the Retired Priests of the Diocese. Please place both envelopes in the one collection.

EASTER SUNDAY - 8 April 2012

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

THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.

At the Masses on Easter Day the first collection is for the support of the Parish. The second collection is for the support of the Retired Priests of the Diocese.

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.

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 <u>Reconciliation Monday</u>, 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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY AT THE CLUSTER PARISHES ---

The schedule of confessions at our neighboring parishes in the Queens North Cluster is as follows:

The Church of St. Mel - 3:00pm to 9:00pm in English

Holy Trinity Church - 10:00am to 12 noon; 4:00pm to 5:30pm & 7:30pm to 9:30pm

English

St. Fidelis - 9:00am to 10:00am; 12 noon to 2:00pm; 7:00pm to 8:30pm

English & Spanish

..."SAINTS AMONG THE SAINTS IN THE HALLS OF HEAVEN..."

Three nights of Prayer and Reflection - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (April 2, 3 & 4) of Holy Week at 7:30pm in the church.

Prepare for the Easter Triduum by reflecting on these words taken from the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation #1. Evening Prayer and reflection each night with the priests of the parish.

Monday, April 2 - Monsignor Tosi Tuesday, April 3 - Father David Wednesday, April 4 - Father Vincent

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 25 \$12,677 Amount Needed \$13,425

Envelopes Mailed 1,988 Envelopes Received 648

<u> A REMINDER ---</u>

In order to provide an atmosphere of prayer and reflection centered on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, all parish meetings have been cancelled from Saturday, March 31st to Sunday, April 15th. This includes all parish groups, societies and organizations as well as all outside organizations that meet in our parish. Meetings will resume on Monday, April 16th.

There will be NO A.A. Meeting on Good Friday, April 6. However, the A.A. Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 13 will take place.

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 on Monday, April 16th at 7pm. 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.



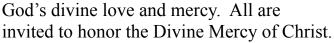
YOUR EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH

A special collection will be taken up today, 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.

<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> ---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



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**.



<u>PLEASE NOTE ---</u>

There will be NO Stations of the Cross or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week.

"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 St. at First Ave. 8:30am

Join with over 500 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. The Walk will take place from 8:30am to 12 noon on Good Friday, April 6th beginning at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza and proceeding along 42nd St. to between 8th & 9th Aves. For more info please call Pax Christi at 212-420-0250.



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 Venerdi 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 Venerdi 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.

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.

THANK YOU ---

Recently a donation of \$7,155 was given to the church which represented the profits from the annual Saint Joseph Dance. In addition, \$1,150 was given from the raffle to the school.

Thank you to Damiana Testa for her dedication and hard work each year in making the St. Joseph Dance such a success both financially and in the good time had by all who attended.

Msgr. Tosi gave \$2,000 to the school for the new playground for a total of \$3,150 for new equipment.



The rest of the profit was used to cover outstanding parish bills.

Again, thank you and God bless! St. Joseph...Pray for us.

THANK YOU ---

To those who donate to the Poor Box in the church. A total of \$540 has recently been given to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society which represents donations to the Poor Box from January 1st.

May God reward your kindness. Remember the words of Jesus:

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least ones of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:31-46)

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 10 & 24 June 18

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



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 March we celebrated as a parish community:

18 Baptisms 13 Funerals 1 Wedding

We rejoice with those who rejoice and share the sorrow of those who mourn.



"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

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. Theck in at door is required. Make check navable to St. Luke School. Thank you for your current **						

3rd Annual Saint Luke's Golf Outing Clearview Golf Course

Cocktails & Dinner at Valentino's on the Green



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



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The Campaign for Saint Luke
"Serving the Present; Building the Future"
has now raised in pledges:

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\$3,024,496

UPDATE:

Returns from the recently mailed brochures to registered weekly envelope user parishioners are now being received.

Campaign volunteers are calling parishioners to assist them in making a pledge. Monsignor Tosi asks you to accept their call as you would receive a call from him.

Please consider your pleage today!

Again, thank you to all who have made their pledge.



Name: I am/We are pleased to make a gift to Serving the Present; Building the Future Address: ☐Yes! I/We agree to pledge today or increase my/our pledge. □Amen! I/We have already made a pledge. City:______ State:___ Zip:_____ □ **Praying!** I am/We are thinking about my/our decision. Phone: Please call me/us at _____ on ____ Date [] Not registered, but would like to be! Total Pledge Amount ☐ \$25,000 □ \$18,000 □ \$12,000 □ \$6,000 □ \$2,500 □ \$1,200 ☐ Quarterly Payable: ☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually (12 x a year) (4 x a year) (2 x a year) (1 x a year) /______ for _____ months/years. I/We expect the periodic payment to be \$______

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

PLEDGE CARD

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

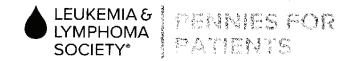
Total Pledge	Annually	Semi- Annually	Quarterly	Monthly	Daily
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$417	\$13.70
\$18,000	\$3,600	\$1,800	\$900	\$300	\$9.86
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$6.57
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$3.29
\$2,500	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$42	\$1.48
\$1,200	\$240	\$120	\$60	\$20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

St. Luke Church



ST. LUKE SCHOOL WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

718-746-3833 www.slswhitestone.org



March 16, 2012

St Luke School 16-01 150th Pl Whitestone, NY 11357-2691

Dear Ms. Barbara Reiter:

On behalf of the New York City Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) thank you for donating to this year's Pennies for Patients program at St Luke School in the amount of \$3045.00. LLS is incredibly grateful for the devotion of the students, parents and faculty who have worked so hard to help fulfill our mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Since its inception, LLS has granted more than \$814 million to blood cancer research and over \$77 million was invested in fiscal year 2011 alone. We are confident that through funding research, LLS has contributed to dramatic increases in the survival rates for both childhood and adult blood cancers. Most striking is the increase from a 4% survival rate for children with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) in 1964 to an 90% survival rate today. Such progress is promising, but critical research must continue in order for similar success stories to emerge in the future.

The goal of the Pennies for Patients program is to not only raise money for research and patient services, but to teach children about blood cancers, teamwork and how they can make a positive impact on the world around them. We trust that your students' participation in Pennies for Patients this year has fostered a stronger awareness of others and a love of giving back to their community.

Thank you again for dedicating your time and energy to making Pennies for Patients a success at St Luke School. I look forward to working with you and your students again next year. Together, we are saving lives and improving the quality of life for countless patients and their families, now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schwerdt Sr. Campaign Manager

For tax purposes, this receipt will serve as our official acknowledgment of your contribution in accordance with section 170 (f)(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, (EIN 13-5644916).

Mrs. Barbara Reiter Principal St. Luke School Whitestone, New York

Dear Mrs. Reiter

Thank you for your generosity toward the students of College St. Gerard in Chardonette. The children were very happy to receive the uniforms. They gave them a sense of pride and satisfaction. Please thank Mrs. Ericka Conlon and her daughter, Sarah, the St. Luke Sports Association, and your whole school and parish community for their gifts to our little church and school. I truly appreciate this gesture of communion and fraternity. There are not enough words to thank you. God only can reward you. In the name of the community of Chardonnette, especially the students of College St. Gerard, once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God, in his infinite goodness, bless you, Monsignor Tosi, St. Luke School, as well as the United States of America.

In Christ, + Pere Emmanuel Pastor





St. Luke School offers an After-School Chess Program for all students in the 1st through 8th grade organized by THE LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS and overseen by our dedicated volunteer mothers.

We congratulate the following students — winners of the St. Luke School Chess Tournament for the Winter Session

First place - Justin Iemma Second Place - William Chao and Frank D'Elia Third Place - Emily Mauro, Gregory Walsh, Christopher Malanga



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tues.- Is 49:106; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wed. - Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thurs. - Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Fri. - Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9;

Jn 18:1-19:42

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: ROCCO ANTONELLI WILLIAM GALLUSCIO

MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread is given in memory of *REVEREND EUGENE DONNELLY* at the request of Marilyn & Paul Rice.

The Altar Wine is given in memory of *VINCENZO MARZANO (12th Anniversary)* requested by her daughter Christine.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *STANLEY BECK* requested by his wife Mary.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of *KATHLEEN SHIELDS CROPPER* requested by Maryanna Totino & Family.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2012

Monday, April 2 7:00 Anna Bogovich (Birthday) 12:00 Ella & Eddie Egan

Tuesday, April 3 8:30 Paul E. Paladino (Birthday) 12:00 Angela & Paolo Mossa & Family

Wednesday, April 4 7:00 Katherine Sommers 12:00 Joseph Peloso

Holy Thursday, April 5 7:30 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6 3:00 Liturgy of the Passion 6:00 Liturgy of the Passion - Italian 8:00 Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 7 8:00 Easter Vigil

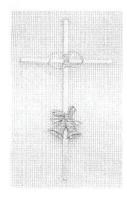
Collective Intentions Mass ---

The next Collective
Intentions Mass will be
celebrated on Saturday,
April 14th at 12 noon.
At this Mass we pray for:

ANTONELLA MATTINA MARIA CICERO CESINELLA FACCHINI



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.

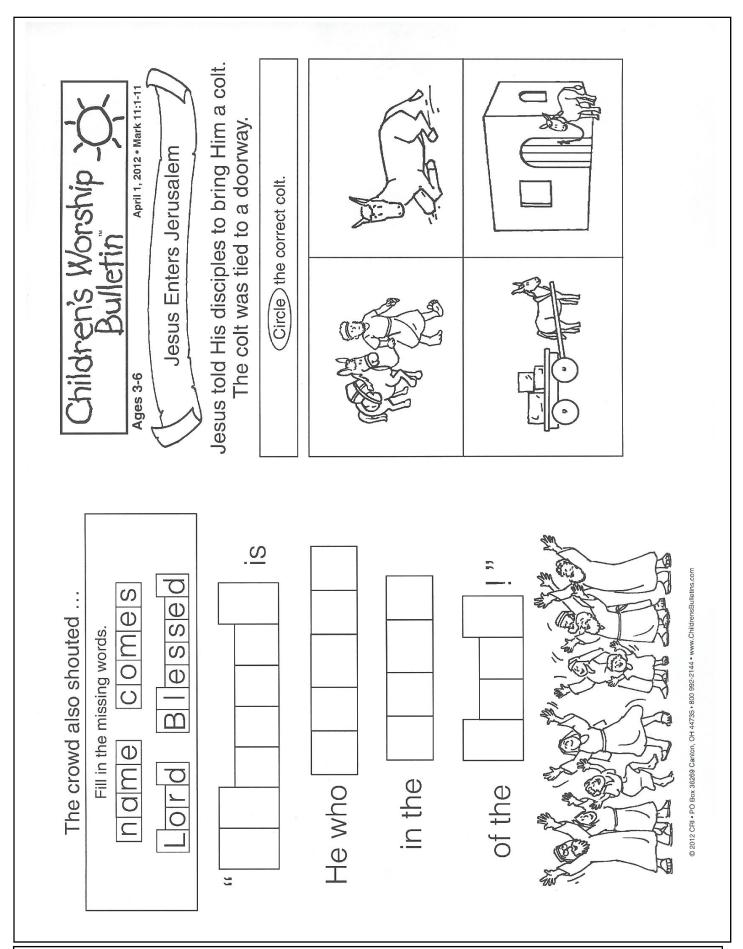
This is a beautiful celebration of love and commitment.

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.



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