The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Luke Church, Whitestone, New York

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

Welcome back from the summer and to the beginning of a new pastoral year. Although the summer may have passed quickly (the older I get the faster the summer seems to go), I hope you were able to enjoy some rest and relaxation; some time with family and friends, and even some time with the Lord. I'm grateful for my vacation time which saw me taking my first cruise (to the Caribbean) and a week as chaplain to the Sisters of Mercy in Watermill on the South Fork of Long Island. This summer will hold many memories including an earthquake and hurricane!

Of course, this weekend we observe the memory of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On this Tenth Anniversary the memories are as vivid and clear as on that sunny September day when our country and city was attacked and our world was never to be the same. Let us continue our prayers for all those who lost their lives in the horrible events of that day and for those who still mourn their beloved dead. We remember the bravery of that day and pray for the gift of peace. All are invited to the Prayer Service sponsored by the Churches of Whitestone here at Saint Luke on Saturday, September 10 at 7:00pm and to the Memorial Mass at 11:45am on Sunday, September 11th. Please consult today's bulletin for additional details.

I am happy to announce that Bishop DiMarzio has re-appointed me to another six years here at Saint Luke. This good news was shared with me at a meeting with the Bishop in late June. This meeting followed a renewal process which involved input from both the pastoral staff and parishioners, some chosen by me and others chosen by the Bishop. I am grateful for all those who participated. I am most grateful to Bishop DiMarzio for his continued trust and support of my ministry with and for you as your pastor. I give thanks for the past six years and pray for the grace to continue my service in the future. Together - sharing our gifts, talents, time and treasure - as one family of faith we have been blessed to accomplish so much as we proclaim the Good News of Christ. May God continue to bless each of us and our parish as we move into the future with faith, hope and love. May God who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion.

I have included in the bulletin a copy of the Bishop's letter of re-appointment. You will notice that I have a new title - Administrator. Let me explain. As part of the process of Strategic Planning which involves all the parishes of the diocese the Bishop has decided not to appoint pastors at this time until the conclusion of the Strategic Planning Process when the necessary decisions regarding the re-configuration of parishes have been made. This decision treats all priests equally even in areas where little if any change is to occur.

The priests who replace the pastors at Saint Mel and Saint Fidelis have also been named administrators. This decision applies to all new appointments as well as to re-appointments of already named pastors.

So - as the Bishop told me - it's a new title with all the same responsibilities and joys as your shepherd and brother.

I ask for your support and continued generosity and encouragement. I promise to do my best for you and with you.

Let me end with words I placed on the bottom of my chalice when I was ordained:

"Pauper sum ego. Nihil habio; cor meum dabo"

"I am poor. I have nothing; I give you my heart."

God bless.

Let us pray for one another, Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi Administrator



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, New York 11215

July 12, 2011

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi St. Luke Church 16-34 Clintonville Street Whitestone, NY 11357

Dear Monsignor Tosi:

I have been informed that the evaluation process of your ministry as Pastor of the Parish of St. Luke, in Whitestone, has been completed. The results indicate that you have exhibited unique dedication to this important ministry, and have promoted the spiritual and material welfare of the parish entrusted to you.

Upon the recommendation I have received, I am happy to renew your appointment as administrator of this parish. In accord with present canonical legislation and practice in the Diocese of Brooklyn, I am renewing your appointment assigned as administrator until such time you are named pastor or the diocesan bishop changes your assignment.

This assignment became effective June 30, 2011.

With an assurance of my continued remembrance of you and your ministry in my prayers and at the celebration of the Eucharist, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.

Bishop of Brooklyn

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cc: Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, V.G.

Reverend Monsignor Anthony M. Hernandez

Reverend Monsignor Paul R. Sanchez

Deacon Julio C. Barreneche

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.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

As the city and nation prepare to observe the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took the lives of so many in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, Pennsylvania the parish will observe this terrible day united in prayer in two special ceremonies:



<u>Ecumenical Prayer Service</u> hosted by Saint Luke on **Saturday**, **September 10th at 7:00pm** will bring together various Whitestone churches to pray for those who died, their families and for peace, especially an end to all forms of violence and terrorism.

<u>Special Mass of Remembrance</u> on Sunday September 11, 2011 at 11:45am. Join those families in the parish who lost loved ones on that terrible day in praying for the deceased as we seek the gift of peace and healing for their families and loved ones. A visit to the September 11 Memorial in front of the school with the placement of a Memorial Wreath donated by the Knights of Columbus will follow the Mass Refreshments in the lower church.

The Bishop will celebrate a Diocesan Mass of Remembrance on September 11, 2011 at 10:30am at St. James Cathedral Basilica. All are invited. Refreshments will follow in the Cathedral Pavilion.

Please remember in your prayers the following members of our parish who perished on September 11, 2001: Dominick J. Berardi, Steven Cafiero, Paul Cascio, Firefighter Thomas Casoria, William A. Gardner, Charles Lucania and Diana O'Connor.

IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE? NO, RATHER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN---

Please join fellow parishioners and friends as we wish Father Rene' Manenti, CS well as he prepares to leave us for a new assignment in Rome at the Center for Migration Studies run by his religious community, the Scalabrinian Fathers.

This is a bittersweet moment for all of us. While we are happy for Father Rene' and his new ministry in Rome we are sad to see him go. Father Rene' has become part of our parish family after many years of priestly service especially to the Italian speaking community. Father Rene' is a good and faithful priest - generous in his time and willingness to be of service. We will remember Father with fondness as will so many parishioners. We assure Father Rene' of our prayers and of a warm welcome whenever he is able to visit us in the future.

Personally, I will miss him greatly. During my time as pastor I have come not only to trust his counsel and advice or to count on his assistance and priestly ministry but most of all to admire his goodness and fine priestly example.

Father Rene', go with our prayers and thanks. Come back to us when you can. God bless

Msgr. Tosi



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 AT

9:00AM MASS OF THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL Reception to follow in the lower church.

All parishioners are invited.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 4 \$ 12,796 Amount Needed \$13,425 Envelopes Mailed 1883 Envelopes Received 665

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA ---

Thank you for your contributions to last week's second collection for The Catholic University of America! Through your generosity the total amount collected was \$1,672. Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to students from dioceses across the country.

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2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Thank you --- Thank you ---

As of September 7th a total of \$130,932.83 has been given by 473 donors with \$118,088.83 already received. This is truly remarkable and once again shows the generosity of so many parishioners.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners by making your gift to the Appeal. God bless.

One Bread --- One Body One Vibrant Church



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During the summer months as parishioners enjoy summer vacation and trips to visit family and friends they attend Mass in other churches. As a result, collection amounts during July and August are usually lower than the rest of the year. However, our expenses remain the same and bills need to be paid. Add to this summer Hurricane Irene which arrived on a Sunday and we need your help!

So - please consider helping the parish to meet a number of outstanding bills. If possible could you make up for any Sundays you were away from the parish? And maybe you could add a few dollars to your weekly offering.

Whatever you could do would be greatly appreciated.

God bless.

Msgr. Tosi

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY RETURNS --THIS SUNDAY!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Dillon Council - for hosting the first Hospitality Sunday of the new year this weekend -



September 11th.

Please join fellow parishioners for refreshments following all the Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

<u>IMPORTANT MEETING</u> ---

Of all the parish groups who hosted a Hospitality Sunday last year with Msgr. Tosi on **Wednesday**, **September 28th at 7:00pm** in the rectory basement.

All groups are asked to send a representative.

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---

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



Baptism Sunday Baptism Class Sept. 25 Sept. 19

Oct. 9 & 23 Oct. 17 Nov. 13 & 27 Nov. 21

ITALIAN CLASS REGISTRATION ---

Registration for Italian Classes will be held on Monday, September 12, Monday, September 19 & Monday, September 26 in the school from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Instruction for children and adults are available. Classes will begin on Monday, October 3.

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

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 August we celebrated as a parish community:

8 Baptisms15 Funerals5 Marriages

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

GOLDEN AGE CLUB ---

The St. Luke Golden Age Club will begin their weekly meetings on



Thursday, September 15th at 1:00pm in the school hall. New members are always welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS ---

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



Saturday, September 10 at 1pm SALVATORE OCCHIPINTI & VITA CORBO

Saturday, September 17 at 3pm ALEN GLAVAN & MARIANA ZURAK

ST. LUKE'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LAST CHANCE FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Soccer, Basketball, Boys Swim Team, Girls Swim Team and Developmental Swimming will take place **TODAY, SEPT. 11 FROM 10AM - 1PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.** This registration was rescheduled from Sunday, August 28th due to the hurricane. For further info, check out our website at **www.slaacyo.org.**







Welcome Back to the

Family Mass!



September 18, 2011 at 11:45am

We hope you had a wonderful summer vacation.

We look forward to seeing you the THIRD Sunday of every month at the 11:45 mass.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ---

Catechists will meet in the school hall on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 21 for Grades 1 - 6.

Thursday, September 22 for Grades 7 and 8.

Families who have registered for the program will receive a mailing with the calendar and admittance cards.

No registrations can be taken on these days.

Registration for those not yet registered or re-registered will be held Tuesday, September 13 from 4:00pm until 5:30pm in the school

If additional information is needed, please call Sister Katherine Burke, C.S.J. at the Religious Education Office (718) 746-3409.





SIGN UP NOW!

St. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF

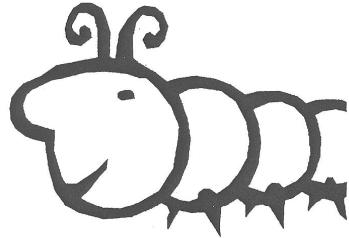
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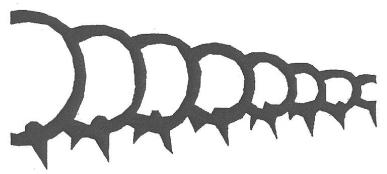
AND FEET



The involvement of parents/guardians is crucial to the success of our parish Religious **Education Program.** Please consider becoming a catechist, classroom aide or hall or door monitor for the 2011-2012 year.



If you can offer your assistance, please return the tear-off below.



I am interested in teaching. Grade preference. I would like to team teach.
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I am available to substitute.
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Saint Luke's Youth Group Registration Saturday September 24th In the lower church 12 Noon - 7:00 p.m.



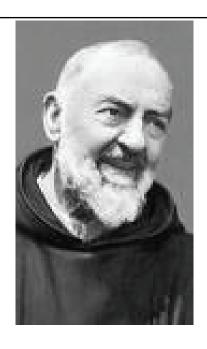
All students 6th grade through Senior Year of High School are invited to join!

The Saint Luke's Youth Group has three goals: Evangelization, Service and Fun!

Our first Meeting for the Youth Group will be on Saturday, October 1st in the lower Church.

All are invited to attend Mass at 5:00 p.m. The Youth Group Meeting will follow from 6-9p.m. with orientation, tie-dyed shirt night, and a pizza party!

\$25 Registration Fee per child per year. Please make check payable to Saint Luke Church. For more information, please call Father Vincent in the Rectory at (718) 746-8102



TRIDUO IN ONORE DI SAN PIO

Venite con noi per tre sere di preghiera in onore di San Pio. Incontraimoci Mercoledi 21 settembre alle 7:30pm, Giovedi 22 settembre alle 7:30pm 23 settembre alle 7pm processione in onore di San Pio, con Santa Messa alle 8:00pm. Caffe e dolci dopo la Messa!

TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT PIO

Come join us for three nights of prayer in honor of Saint Pio. Join us Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30pm, Thursday, September 22 at 7:30pm and join us on Friday, September 23 at 7:00pm for a procession followed by Mass at 8:00pm. Coffee and desserts to follow Mass in the school hall.

What's missing in the Yo_th Choir & Ad_It



You Join the Choir

First rehearsal and auditions
Youth Choir, Tuesday, September 27 at 3:15 PM
Adult Choir, Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00
in the Music Room of the Church

Contact: Jessica Tranzillo Smith, Director of Music, St Luke Church for more information: 718 746-3862

Music Ministry Notes:

The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 in the Music Room If you are interested in singing with us, please come to this rehearsal and introduce yourself or call the office at 718 746-3862.

The Italian Choir will resume rehearsals on September 14 at 6:30.

The Youth Choir will begin their regular rehearsals at 3:30 on September 27 in the Music Room. They sing at the Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The Folk Group should contact their director regarding when they begin regular rehearsals in the Music Room.

Anyone wishing to join one of these groups should contact the Director of Music, Jessica Tranzillo at 718 746-3862

Youth Choir Auditions

Beginning Tuesday, September 27th at 3:15 PM, our Youth Choir will be accepting new members. Those children interested in singing for the Family Mass as well as other events should come to the Music Room which is accessible at the rear of the church to meet me and let me hear them sing.

Children from St. Luke School as well as other private and public schools are welcome to join. They must be in the 3rd Grade or above, and their reading level must be up to the grade they are presently in. It is important that the child understands that singing in the choir is a <u>commitment</u> and that they must attend all the rehearsals and performances.

Regular rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 27. promptly at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Please be sure that your child is here each week at 3:20 p.m. so we may begin rehearsal as scheduled.

Besides singing for the Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month, the choir will learn the rudiments of music theory, vocal technique & choral etiquette. They will also be participating in other events during the course of the Liturgical Year including Lessons & Carols and services during Holy Week.

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THE GREATER WHITESTONE TAXPAYERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

HOSTS THE SECOND ANNUAL

"WHITESTONE FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY"

HONORING THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY







Location: Francis Lewis Park a.k.a. Whitestone Park (3rd Avenue)

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011 Time: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Rain Date: Sunday, September 18, 2011

FREE ADMISSION, GAMES, RIDES & REFRESHMENTS

Calling all children 6-12 yrs of age - if you are interested in being on a Bocce Ball Team during our event, please email gwtca@verizon.net the following information:

NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS

We have 32 spots so it will be first come. After our teams are arranged we will email you and provide you with further information!

Deadline for registration is Friday, Septemeber 9, 2011

Come & support your community!

Donations are needed to help keep the community groups such as Seniors, Youth and Veteran Associations active.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - 1Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tues.- 1Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wed. - Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

Thurs. - 1Tm 4:12-16; Lk 2:33-35

Fri. - 1Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Sat. - 1Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

MARIA C. LATA JOSETTE TANZOLA KAY SEIDA HAYES IRONS GINA AURISICCHIO

TOM ALMOND

GRACE GAMBY

GIUSEPPE FEDELE

ANNA BRANDT

SANTINO VINCENT MIGLIACCIO

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

MARGARET MARY BURKE FLORENCE D'AGOSTINO

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are given in memory of *ATTILIO GIOCOLI* at the request of Mr. & Mrs. James Mooney & family.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *ROBERT MARSICO* at the request of Rosalie Marsico & family.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of *CATHERINE ANSTETT* at the request of the Nick Family.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Monday, September 12 7:00 Joseph Tomasso 12:00 Frank & Rose Trotta & Deceased family members

Tuesday, September 13
8:30 Fiamma, DeMarco, Tamborello
& Costanzo families
12:00 Vito & Anna Quinto

Wednesday, September 14 7:00 Jean Marie DeLuca (Anniversary) 12:00 Olindo Testa & family (10th Ann.)

Thursday, September 15 8:30 Liborio & Mary Prestia 12:00 Thomas Shannon

Friday, September 16 7:00 Ed Pompa & Rose Marchetti 12:00 Frank Travis

Saturday, September 17
8:30 Deceased members of the
Murphy & Shanley Families

Collective Intentions Mass ---

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

At this Mass we pray for

EVELYN LYNCH HENRY DIERKS KATHLEEN TUOHY



Community News

REMEMBERING 9/11

You are cordially invited to view the heartfelt documentary film, *From the Ground Up*, the emotional journey of five 9/11 FDNY widows who honor their hero husbands by turning tragedy into triumph. The film will be presented at Sacred Heart Church (Jobo Center), 215-35 38th Ave., Bayside on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30pm.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN

55 East 84th St., New York

An all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its **Open House** for 8th graders and their parents, to occur on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 10th, from 1-4pm. For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, (212) 288-1100 or edimiche@regis-nyc.org.

Queens Admissions Information Night will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 7pm at Resurrection Ascension School, 85-25 61st Road, Rego Park.

OPEN HOUSE

St. Agnes Academic High School (sponsored by the sisters of St. Dominic) 13-20 124th Street, College Point, NY invites you to attend our Open House on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 10am to 1pm. Come and visit St. Agnes Academic High School "a small, Catholic college preparatory school for young women". For information please contact the school at (718) 353-6276.

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School, celebrating 55 years of Catholic education in Queens, will hold its annual OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 1pm to 4pm. For direction and information please call 718-898-3800, ext. #11.

St. Mary's High School, Manhasset, N.Y. invites you to their Open House on Sunday, Sept. 25th from 2pm-4:30pm. Presentations at 2pm, 2:45pm and 3:30pm followed by guided tours. For more info please call 516-627-2711 or visit their website: www.stmary.ws/highschool.

CRAFT VENDORS WANTED!

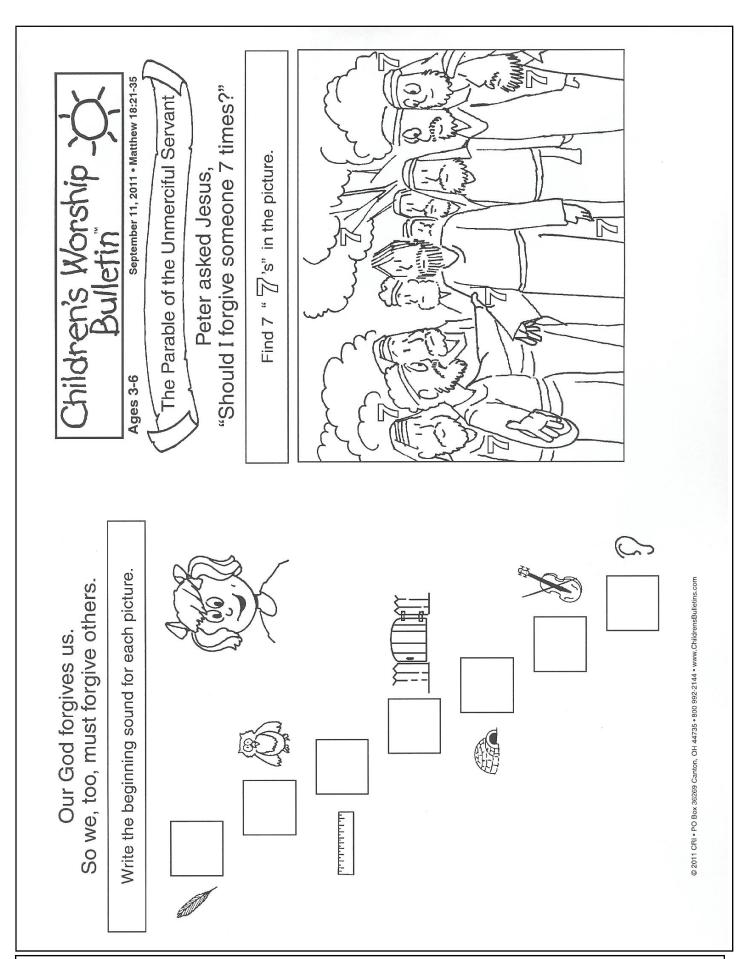
The Parents Association of St. Agnes Academic H.S., College Point, N.Y. will sponsor a "Craft Fair" on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 from 11am - 4pm. Don't be left out - Reserve your space now! Call Lori at 718-353-1337 for more information.

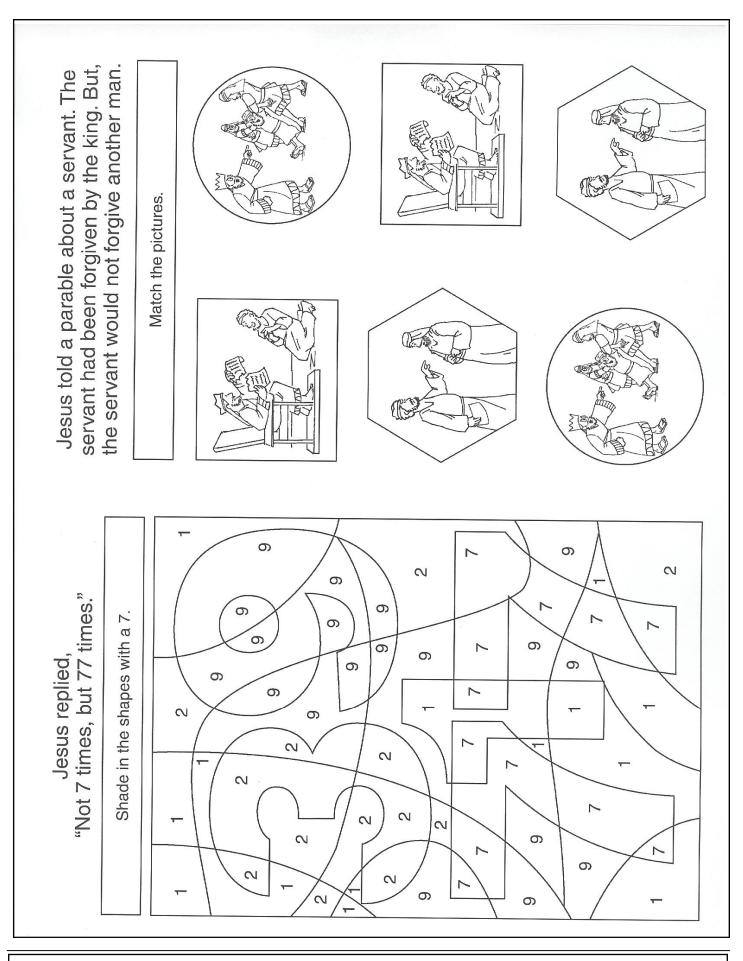
NORTH FLUSHING WALKING FOR WELLNESS PROGRAM

Community based walking club, sponsored by the North Church Queens and the NYC Dept. of Health. Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10am. North Presbyterian Church, 26th Ave. and 154th St., Flushing. For more info call 718-445-0259.

RACHEL'S HELPERS

A program, Forgiven and Set Free, for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience. The program takes place with a weekly meeting in a small group setting from 7:30pm to 9:30pm for 11 weeks beginning Monday, September 19. Please call (718) 939-6646 for more information. All calls are confidential. There are no fees.





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