

**FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---**

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*

*(Mark 1:14-20)*

On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel relates the call of the apostles Simon, Andrew, James and John. I am always amazed - and a little jealous - at the speed and total giving in the response of these men to the call of the Lord. If you're like me, my response has often been less speedy and less complete. It is difficult to follow the Lord - even as I approach my 65th birthday! The cost of being a disciple of Christ is at times very demanding. Yet today's Gospel tells the story of four men who so quickly abandoned everything to follow Jesus. I often wish my "Yes" to the Lord was so complete and total. Yet our God is a loving God, slow to anger and of great patience. He sent us Jesus not to condemn us but to save us. For Jesus is indeed the Way, the Truth and the Life. What joy we have in following Jesus.

And still today people abandon everything to follow Jesus. Why? I believe because in Jesus they have found the pearl of great price; the treasure beyond all treasure; the true happiness and meaning in life. For the true disciple it is not about giving up but about receiving the gift of God's love, forgiveness and mercy. All else becomes little in comparison.

What holds you and me back from such total Yes to the Lord? What do we consider "too much" to give up? What is the Lord asking of each of us? As we travel this road of faith together let us support one another in responding generously to the Lord who loves us so much more!

God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

*Msgr. Tosi*

**GREAT NEWS ---**

As many of you know, Father Chirichella has completed the five years of his assignment here at St. Luke. According to diocesan policy he would be transferred from his first assignment in June of this year (2012).

However, I recently received a copy of a letter sent to Father Vincent from Bishop DiMarzio in which the Bishop grants Father one more year in his assignment to the Parish of Saint Luke!

What great news both for Father Vincent and for the parish. I am very grateful to the Bishop for his decision to keep Father Vincent with us for another year. It is surely a sign of the Bishop's pastoral concern for the parish - and Father Vincent.

Congratulations to Father Vincent and to the parish. Please keep Father in your prayers as well as Father Dettmer and myself, the Pastoral Staff and all who minister here at Saint Luke.

God bless.

*Msgr. Tosi*

**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.*



***THANK YOU ---***

***For your generous support of Commitment Weekend last weekend, January 14th and 15th as part of our Capital Campaign: Serving the Present; Building the Future.***

***We are still in the process of going over all the responses made on the pledge cards. We will publish a complete summary of the cards returned as part of Commitment Weekend.***

***Thank you also to the campaign volunteers who helped to make the appeal so orderly and convenient.***

***AND, of course, a sincere thank you to all those who have made their pledge, especially as part of last weekend's appeal.***



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

January 15	\$12,796
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Fuel Collection	\$ 3,507
Envelopes Mailed	1,883
Envelopes Received	661



**JOIN US EACH MONTH AT THE FAMILY MASS!**

**The remaining dates are as follows:**

**March 18    April 1    May 13  
                  June 17**

**\*Please note there is NO Family Mass during the month of February.**

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**CONGRATULATIONS ---**

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

**Saturday, January 28, 2012  
11:00am**

**HARRY PAGAN  
&  
MARIA ELENA HANSER**



**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SPRING!!!**

Registration for our spring sports (baseball, softball, soccer) has been scheduled for **Sunday, January 22, 2012 in St. Luke's School Hall from 10am until 12pm**. There will only be one registration so mark your calendars now. Please use the rear entrance located near the church.

*Remember...cash will not be accepted, so please remember to bring your checkbook.*

For more information visit our website [www.slaacyo.org](http://www.slaacyo.org) and click on registration information.



# 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

***MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES ---***

Now that we are all more familiar with the new words of the Gloria, please join in singing the entire text with the cantor. We have been singing the Gloria for more than three months and after hearing it I am sure that the new/altered melody is one you will find easy to sing.



The Youth Choir is always looking for additional children to join in our song. If your child is in the 3-8 grade and loves to sing, please contact the Music Office at 718-746-3862. We rehearse every Tuesday at 3:30 in the Music Room and sing for the Family Mass once a month. The children are taught the basics of music as well as choral singing and etiquette.



***SUPERBOWL PARTY***

The Msgr. Francis J. Dillon Council Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the Sacco Club in Whitestone. Everyone - members and non-members - are invited to attend. The details are as follows:

***Date: Sunday, February 5, 2012      Time: 5:00pm***

***Place: The Sacco Club - 12-24 149th St., Whitestone  
(across the street from the fire house)***

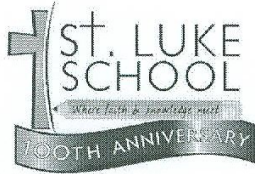
***Price: \$20.00 per adult/ children 12 and under are free.***

There will be a Superbowl Box, hero sandwiches, pizza, wings and wraps. Beer will be served. Reservations are a must.

Please call: Anthony Belviso - 917-378-3663    Gene O'Brien - 718-746-4724

***Space is limited. First come, first serve!***





ST. LUKE SCHOOL  
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718-746-3833      [www.slswhitestone.org](http://www.slswhitestone.org)

**St. Luke School**  
**1910 ~ 2010**  
**CELEBRATING 100+ Years!**

**Registration**  
for New Students for the  
**2012-2013 School Year**  
Tiny Tots/Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten through Grade Eight  
January 29 ~ February 3

**\$250.00 NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fee due at time of registration of each new student Nursery through Grade 8

**Requirements:**

Tiny Tots students must be 2 years old by 10/1/12  
Nursery students must be three years old by 12/1/12  
Pre-K students must be four years old by 12/1/12  
Kindergarten Students must be five years old by 12/31/12

**Documentation:**

Tiny Tots through First Grade must present copy of child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records.

Grades Two through Eight must present a copy of the most recent report card and standardized test scores, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records, and IEP if applicable

Call for a tour of our building and see for yourself what is going on in your parish school and why we are so very proud of St. Luke's!

(718) 746-3833

Visit us at [www.SLSWhitestone.org](http://www.SLSWhitestone.org)

**Open House  
And  
Registration**  
Sunday  
January 29, 2012  
11:30AM - 1:30PM

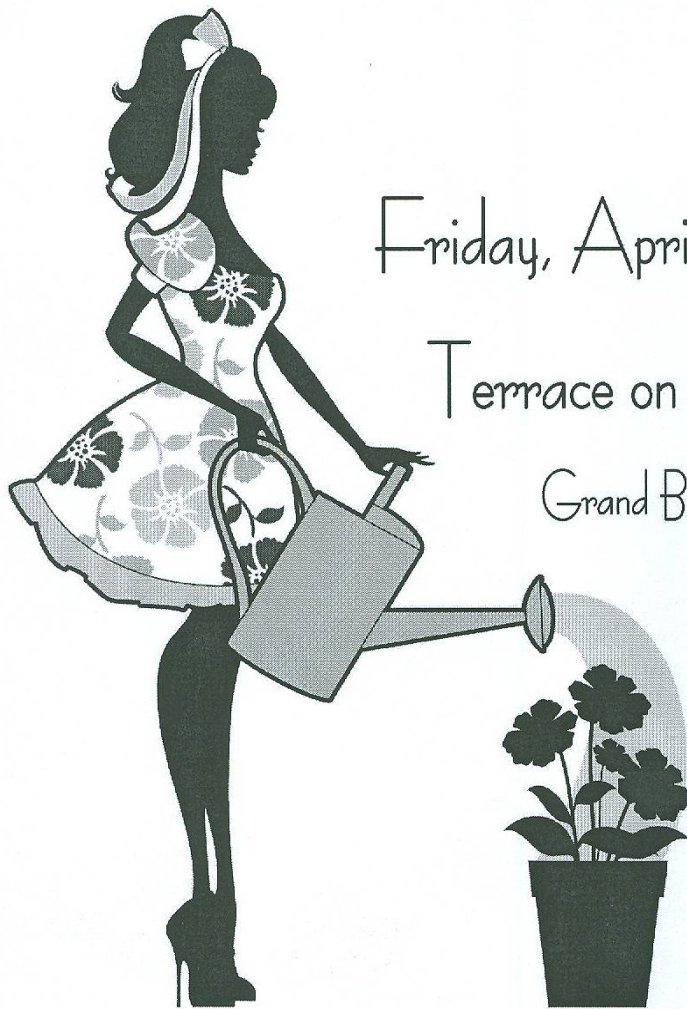
**Open School**  
Thursday  
February 2, 2012  
9:00AM - 10:30AM  
School Tours Available!

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Luke School

6th Annual Ladies Fashion Show

"Fashion in Bloom"



Friday, April 20th, 2012

Terrace on the Park

Grand Ballroom

Tickets will go on sale  
in February.

More info to follow...



### ***WE GET LETTERS!***

Mrs. Coscia's 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA class was busy learning how to write formal business letters. Students were asked to choose a company or store that they wished to write to. With the help of our computer teacher, Mr. Cotignola, they typed a letter of complaint *or* compliment! Then, we mailed them out to the various companies all over the country. Within two weeks, responses came back and the children were thrilled at the letters they received! Some of the companies sent "thank you" letters, while others sent coupons for free items! The students not only learned the fundamentals of writing a business letter, but they saw how valuable we are as consumers and that companies do thrive on their customer feedback!

### ***NURSERY CLASS***



Mrs. Fabregas' five day Nursery Class would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Year for 2012. We are looking forward to many happy events this year. In January, we welcomed a new student to our class and we are so happy that she has joined us. A magician is coming to entertain our Nursery classes and we are also looking forward to a visit from a police officer who will talk to us about safety. In February we will be having our Hug-fest with our parents!. We can't wait for more things to happen in 2012!



# Come Join St. Luke Mommy & Me Class

St. Luke School  
16-01 Msgr. Francis Dillon Place  
Whitestone, NY 11357 (off 17<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Clintonville St.)  
Please enter through the Main Entrance

Grow, Learn, Explore & Laugh all in a safe environment

## LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR BABY & MOM

PLAY TIME  
STORY TIME  
PARACHUTE  
MARCHING BAND

CIRCLE TIME  
MUSIC TIME  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
HOLIDAY PARTIES

Coffee & Bagels for adults, juice & snacks for children.

● CLASS EVERY TUESDAY

9:30-11:00 AM

\$5.00 PER CHILD (2 SIBLINGS \$8.00)

(No Registration Necessary)

For more information please call: Tina 646-229-6594 or visit  
our website at [www.saintlukeonline.com](http://www.saintlukeonline.com)

A PLACE WHERE MOMMY & BABY GROW TOGETHER

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

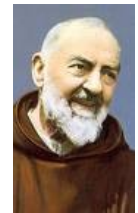
If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please stop by the rectory and fill out a census card. It only takes a few minutes to register. You can fill the card out on the spot or take the card and return it at your convenience by mail, in person at the rectory or in the Sunday collection basket. *Become part of our church family!*



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**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP---**

The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on **Tuesday, January 31st** at 7:30pm in the church.  
All are welcome to attend.



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**PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM ---**

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

<i>Baptism Sunday</i>	<i>Baptism Class</i>
<i>Feb. 12 &amp; 26</i>	<i>Feb. 13</i>
<i>March 11 &amp; 25</i>	<i>March 19</i>
<i>April 29</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>May 20 &amp; 27</i>	<i>May 21</i>



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

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**BEREAVEMENT GROUP ---**

The next meeting of the Bereavement group will take place on **Tuesday, February 7th** at 7:30pm in the rectory basement. Anyone wishing to join the group may attend that night. For more information, please call Fr. Vincent Chirichella at 718-746-8102.

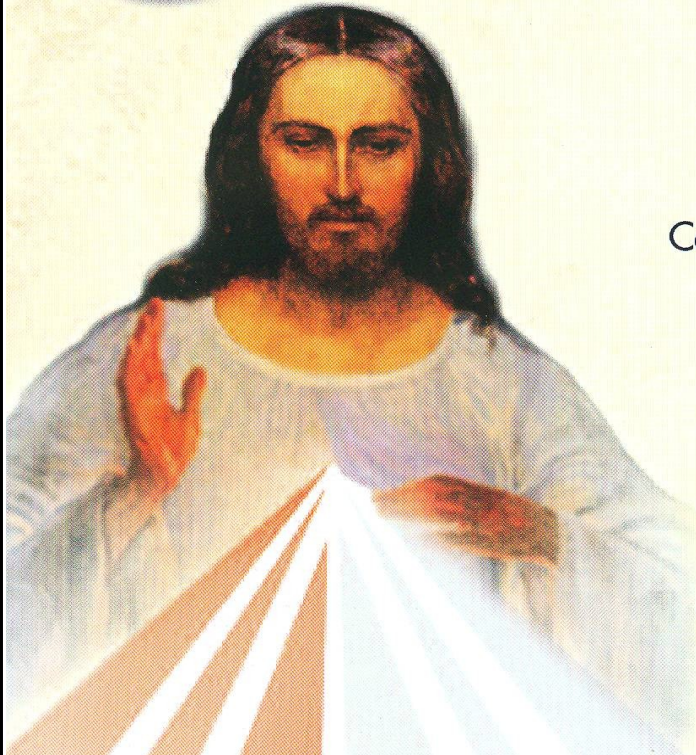


7th  
Annual

# DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

March 24, 2012

Cardinal Spellman High School • Bronx, NY



## SPECIAL GUEST

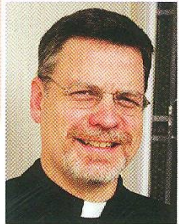


**Linda Santo**  
Mother of Little Audrey  
Witness to Sanctity of Life

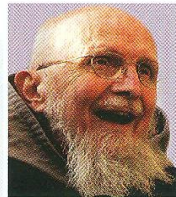
Little Audrey Santo

## FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

✦ *Holy Mass,  
Main Celebrant  
Fr. Joe Roesch, MIC*



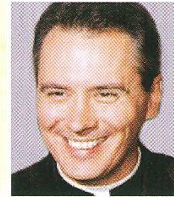
✦ *Adoration*  
✦ *Confession*  
✦ *Q & A Panel of  
Divine Mercy Experts*



Fr. Benedict  
Groeschel, CFR



Abby Johnson



Msgr. James  
Lisante



Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
Perth Amboy Catholic School, NJ



Susan Tassone



Scott Hahn

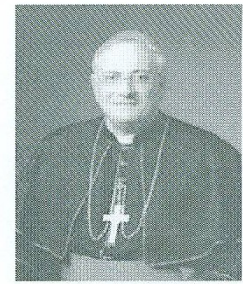


Mother of Mercy Messengers  
Joan and Dave Maroney

Sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR)

**More Information and Registration available online:  
[www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx) or by phone: 1-800-462-7426**

# Bishop DiMarzio's Annual Vocation Retreat



**FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 24-26, 2012**

The retreat is open to men who are high school seniors and older and includes Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations designed to help participants discern their future vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood.

*Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop DiMarzio.*

Take this opportunity to find out if Jesus is calling YOU to be a priest ...

## Bishop DiMarzio's: VOCATION RETREAT

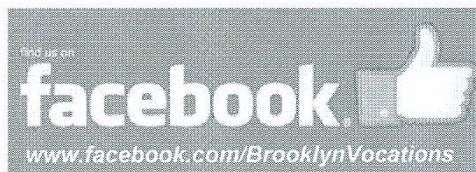
Location:

**Jesus of Nazareth Retreat Center  
475 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11203**

*(4<sup>th</sup> floor of Nazareth  
Regional High School)*



**For more information or to RSVP, contact:**

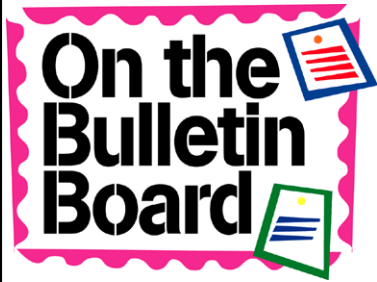


Fr. Kevin Abels, Vocation Director

**Phone:** 718-827-2454

**Email:** vocations@diobrook.org

**Web:** www.BrooklynPriests.org



**DOMINICAN VILLAGE ---**

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

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



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**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK!**

For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will give back to St. Luke Church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. If so, call the St. Vincent De Paul Society at 718-491-2525.

*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*



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To Heaven

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Free Towing • Any Condition • Any Model

**718-491-2525**



Community News

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

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

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**NEWS FROM THE POPPENHUSEN INSTITUTE ---**

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

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

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

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**ST. FIDELIS FOOD PANTRY ---**

Please help with donations of food. The Food Pantry is in need of coffee, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, soup, cereal and canned fruit. If you are able to help, please bring all donations of the canned food to the vestibule of **St. Fidelis Church** (located at **124th Street between 14th and 15th Avenues in College Point**) and place them in the food pantry basket.

**For more information, please call St. Fidelis Church directly at (718) 445-6164.**

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**OPEN HOUSE ---**

Msgr. Scanlon H.S. is hosting a Second Open House on Wed., February 1 from 3pm-5pm. All 7th and 8th graders and their families are welcome. Msgr. Scanlon, a co-educational, Catholic school is located at 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy., Bronx. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Chambers at 718-430-0100, ext. 20 or visit our website: www.scanlanhs.edu.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Mon. - 2Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30*  
*Tues.- 2Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35*  
*Wed. - Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18*  
*Thurs. - 2Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25*  
*Fri. - 2Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,13-17;*  
*Mk 4:26-34*  
*Sat. - 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Mk 4:35-41*

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:**

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

**AND FOR THE DECEASED:**

*ROSEMARY DAMATO*  
*ADELE FAMIGLIETTI*  
*ANTOINETTE SFORZA-ELLAKHMI*  
*FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN*  
*JOSEPHINE MADDI*  
*ELSIE ACCORNERO*

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**MEMORIALS**

The Altar Bread is given in memory of *IVANICA ANTOLOS* at the request of Barbara Peras & Steve Sumberac.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given in memory of *SABATINO, ANTONIO & UMBERTO MARTELLI* at the request of Christine & Patricia.

The Altar Candles are burning in memory of *ANTONINO NEGLIA* at the request of his wife.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2012**

*Monday, January 23*  
*7:00 For a Special Intention*  
*12:00 Philip R. Smith*

*Tuesday, January 24*  
*8:30 Paul E. & Helen D. Paladino*  
*12:00 Michael Connelly (2nd Ann.)*

*Wednesday, January 25*  
*7:00 For a Special Intention*  
*12:00 Gioacchino & Rosina Rossi*

*Thursday, January 26*  
*8:30 Caterina & Michele Siepe*  
*12:00 Erasmo Varlese*

*Friday, January 27*  
*7:00 Giorgio & Maria Cira Carlino*  
*12:00 Henry Rullo & Deceased family members*

*Saturday, January 28*  
*8:30 Anna & Salvatore Graziadei*

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*Collective Intentions Mass ---*

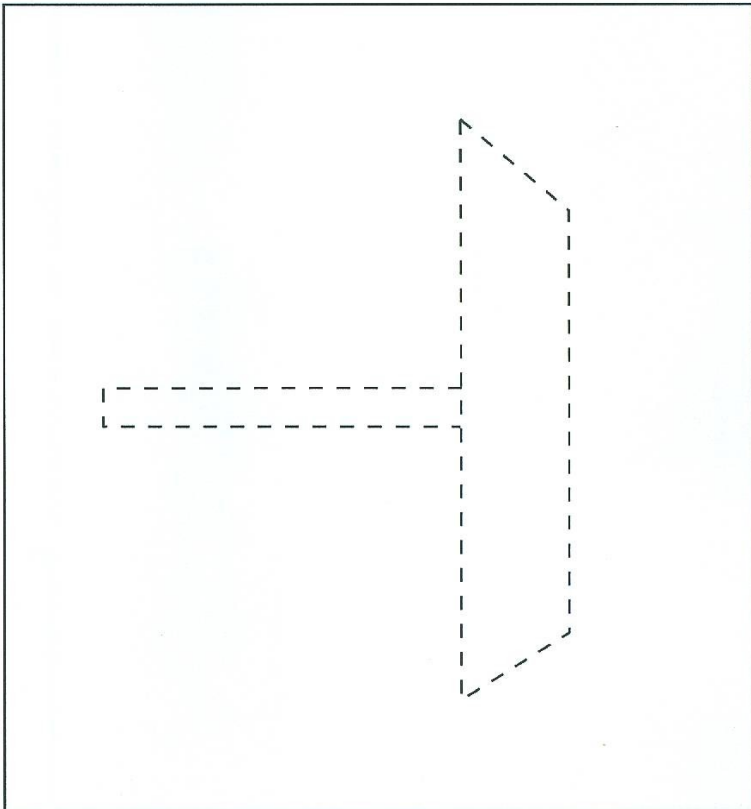
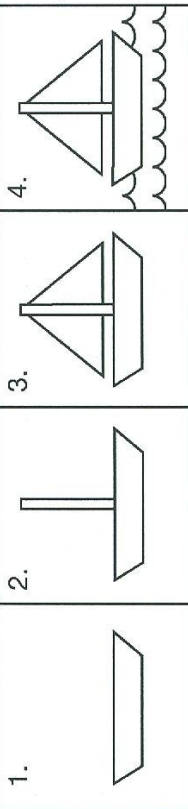
*The next Collective Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 22nd at 11:45am.*

*At this Mass we pray for*

**ALFONSO GELO**

Simon, Andrew, James and John  
left their boats to follow Jesus.

Use these pictures to draw the boat.



# Children's Worship Bulletin

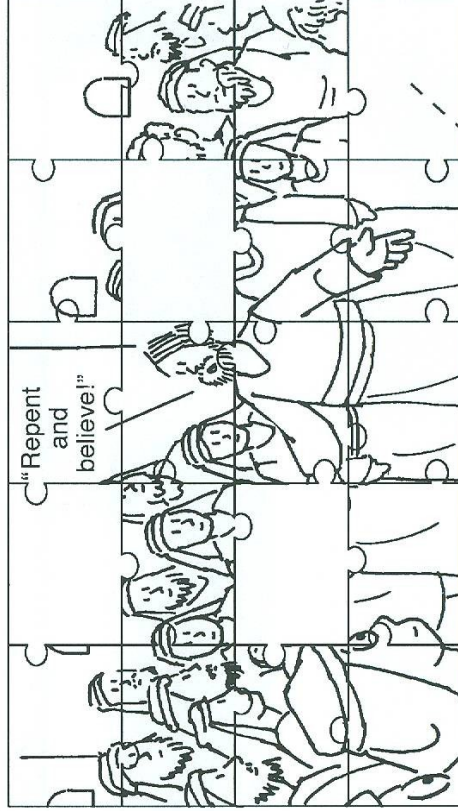
Ages 3-6

January 22, 2012 • Mark 1:14-20

Jesus Calls Simon, Andrew, James and John

Jesus preached  
the good news of God!

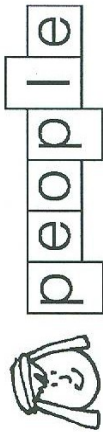
Match the puzzle pieces.





Jesus asked Simon and his brother Andrew to ...

Use the picture code.



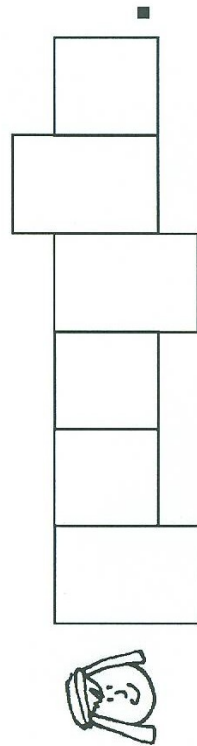
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for



Jesus saw 2 more fishermen. They were James and John.

Circle the 2 fishermen.

