

FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. TOSI ---

Thanksgiving already? Yes and soon it will be Christmas! The end of the liturgical year will take place on Sunday, November 20 - the Feast of Christ the King. As we begin the Season of Advent (November 27 - First Sunday of Advent) we will welcome a new edition of the Roman Missal. This Third Edition of the Missal since the Second Vatican Council will guide our worship at Mass for many years to come.



We have been preparing to receive this new edition of the Roman Missal for some time now. Thank you for your cooperation in reading the information printed in the bulletin and for your patience in learning the new responses and music at our Sunday practices. You are quick learners and I think we will do just fine when we begin using the texts on November 27. Of course, all the new prayers, texts and responses will be included in the new missalettes/hymnal which are replaced each year on the First Sunday of Advent.

But before we get to Advent we will celebrate our national day of thanks on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. We are so blessed indeed as Catholics with our gift of faith in the Lord Jesus and as citizens of this great country with our freedoms and resources. This is a special time of grace to remember our many blessings - each of us need to "count our blessings." Unfortunately, we often suffer from short memories causing us to forget God's goodness. For what will you give thanks on this Thanksgiving Day? As we have begun this new pastoral year, I give thanks for being your pastor blessed in so many ways by the good people of Saint Luke Parish. I give thanks to God every time I think of you for your love and support of me personally and of the parish. I give thanks for all of you who share time, talent and finances to make our parish such a wonderful community of faith. Again, so much is happening in the parish and the Gospel is being preached, sacraments celebrated and care given for those in need. For this I give thanks.

And this year I cannot but give thanks for the enthusiastic support of the Capital Campaign: *Serving the Present; Building the Future*. To those who made their pledge; to the terrific volunteers and to those yet to make their pledge - I say thank you from the depth of my heart. Together with God's help we are making the impossible a possible reality for ourselves and for generations to come.

So....let us together give thanks by joining together for the annual



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 24

at 9:30am

All are invited



God bless.

Let us pray for one another,

Msgr. Tosi



SERVING THE PRESENT; BUILDING THE FUTURE
THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE CHURCH

God is with you in all that you do.
Genesis 21:22

November 5 & 6, 2011

This is a very exciting time for all! The campaign to restore St. Luke is in full swing, and growing in momentum. Through the expression of love and support from so many of you in the early stages, we have reached \$1,662,775 in pledges – 55% of our \$3,000,000 Phase I goal!

All of our committee members have been received warmly by everyone they've contacted so far, making their task that much easier. Our volunteers are finding what they themselves believe so strongly – that St. Luke Church, and its parishioners are truly blessed. We are blessed to be in a community that has an overwhelming love and pride not only for St. Luke's but for each other.

Our volunteers will continue to make calls and schedule individual visits to talk one-on-one with each of you about the campaign. A convenient time will be arranged that fits into your busy schedule. This meeting can take place in your home or in the Rectory. We ask that you think about what St. Luke Church means to you, what preserving it will mean to the generations to come, and to join us with a sacrificial gift from your heart.

Campaign Statistics

Goal: \$3,000,000

Percent Reached: 55%

Current Amount Raised: \$1,662,775

Number of Gifts: 102

Average Gift: \$16,302

If you would like to volunteer and work with your fellow parishioners in making this campaign a success, we can use your help. Please contact Steve Kimmons at the Rectory and he will be happy to get you involved!

For over 140 years the faithful of St. Luke have been blessed with a beautiful church in which to gather together in to pray, to celebrate, and to console each other as one family. St. Luke Church is the spiritual center of our lives, and the home that we share.

The Parish Family of St. Luke wants to thank those who have already made their pledge. We ask everyone to pray for the success of the campaign and to make a pledge of their own. Our Gospel mission of St. Luke Church is strong and growing, and we will continue to serve the faithful in Whitestone for generations to come!

I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: In Him will I trust."
Psalm 91:2

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.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish next weekend. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The Sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. There the residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. The sisters will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to receive your donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS ---

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

Saturday, November 12 at 3pm

ERIC FRANTINO

&

KARLA BENINATI



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 October we celebrated as a parish community:

15 Baptisms 8 Funerals 8 Marriages

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

FAMILY MASS ---

Please join us for the next Family Mass on **Sunday, November 20 at 11:45am**. We welcome all families - large or small. So come with your child or bring along the extended family; we have room for everyone!

We are always looking for families to volunteer their time and talents to various responsibilities within the Family Mass.

If you are interested please email apetro621@verizon.net for more information.

Our next Hospitality Sunday will take place on **Sunday, November 13, 2011.**

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners and friends in the school hall for refreshments after any of the Sunday morning Masses.

Hope to see you there!

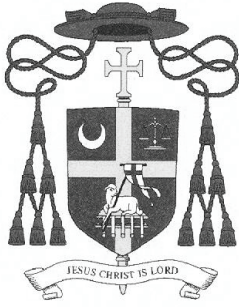
DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

The Daughters of St. Paul will hold a children's book sale on Wednesday, November 9th in the little gym of St. Luke School. The sale will take place during regular school hours, from 9:00am until 2:30pm and during the hours of Religious Education classes from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. All are welcome to come in to browse or shop at the sale.



Dear John -



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, D.D.

As always, it was an honor and privilege to be able to visit, pray with you people and bless the beautiful, new stained glass windows. They are truly a work of art that the entire parish can be proud of for many years to come.

I am also grateful for your generosity, warm welcome & support.

fraternally

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano



SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 30	\$11,397
Amount Needed	\$13,425
Envelopes Mailed	1883
Envelopes Received	630

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



As of October 31st a total of **\$143,792** has already been given by **504** donors with **\$136,798** 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***

PRE-JORDAN PROGRAM---

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

<u>Baptism Sunday</u>	<u>Baptism Class</u>
Nov. 13 & 27	Nov. 21
Dec. 4 & 11	Dec. 19
Jan. 8 & 22	Jan. 9
Feb. 12 & 26	Feb. 13

For more information, please call Sister Catherine T. Reilly at (718) 746-8531.



Welcome to Our Family

**VISIT TO THE SHRINE OF
MOTHER CABRINI ---**

The annual visit to the Shrine of Mother Cabrini will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The bus will leave from St. Luke Church at 10:am. Tickets are \$15 per person. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am. A short procession follows Mass. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Frank Morelli at (718) 961-7751.

VISITA A SANTA MADRE CABRINI ---

La visita annual a Madre Cabrini Shrine sara' sabato 12, Novembre. Il bus partira' dalla chiesa di Santa Luke alle ore di 10:00am. Il costo e' di \$15 per persona. La Messa sara celebrata alle ore 11:30 dopo la Messa una breve processione e alla fine saranno serviti rinfreschi. Per informazioni dettagliate telefonare Frank Morelli (718) 961-7751.



**TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**

Come join us in prayer to honor Mother Cabrini. Our Triduum will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30pm, Friday, November 11th at 7:30pm and will end with Mass on Sunday, November 13th at 9:00am. All are welcome!

Venite con noi per tre giorni di preghiera in onore di Madre Cabrini. Incontraimoci Giovedì 10 Novembre alle 7:30pm, Venerdì 11 Novembre alle 7:30pm, e venite per celebrare La Santa Messa a Domenica 13 November alle 9:00am. Invitate un vostro amico a venire con voi!

Fifth in a five part series presented by the Office of Communications and the Office of Pastoral Planning on the process of Strategic Planning.

Christ Jesus, Our Hope Yesterday & Today: What Have We Achieved?

www.ChristJesusOurHope.org

As *Christ Jesus, Our Hope* continues, it is important to look back and assess what has been accomplished. We ask ourselves, are the steps that we have taken been successful in addressing areas of critical concern?

Since *Christ Jesus, Our Hope* began, there has been significant improvement in the budgets of parishes that have been involved in the process so far. In the fiscal year of 2008 - 2009, the budgeted deficits of parishes in Phase I and II of the process totaled nearly \$3.4 million. For the current fiscal year, 2011 - 2012, this same group of parishes had a cumulative budget deficit of \$848,000. This can be attributed to parish mergers and strategic action plans.

The direct subsidy from the Diocese to those same parishes declined from \$1.2 million to zero.

When considering the success of parish mergers, the signs of success take somewhat longer to realize, though we can point to some immediate markers of success. The success of parish mergers often comes most quickly through the sharing of resources among the parishes merged.

One such example is St. Matthew's parish in Crown Heights. It was recently merged with St. Gregory the Great and previously with Our Lady of Charity. These three faith communities have significantly reduced their debts and balanced their budget. It happened because of their ability to share resources freely. Additionally, these three communities have come together as one new family of faith during a recent Corpus Christi procession to celebrate their identity as Catholics and find strength in their unity.

Parishes that have merged in the past few years are also showing new signs of growth through the sharing of clergy, staff and resources. Smaller parishes in our diocese, such as Holy Family in Park Slope, have been able to retain their church and continue the celebration of Mass by merging with St. Thomas Aquinas on 9th Street. Now, as one new parish, the pastor celebrates Mass at both locations. The same is true for all merged parishes.

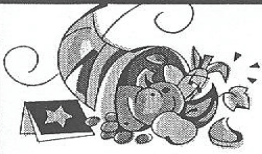
These changes can be difficult to navigate and do require organization, but this sharing of resources helps the Church remain present in all the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Queens.

The more intangible, but critical, success of parish mergers is building up of the communion of our Church and the sense of unity that we share as Catholics. When one of our members is struggling, Catholics are called to come together and support one other. It is in this way that we become a stronger community and a family of faith.

It was once said of us, "Look at those Christians, how they love one another." There will continue to be challenging days ahead for our Church, but the promise of Christ Jesus is that we will succeed in addressing our most dire challenges if we are willing to care for one another.

As Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "[the goal of communion is] to see my brother or sister in faith as part of me." To the extent that we accomplish this unity, we will be successful.

For more information, visit www.christjesusourhope.org.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

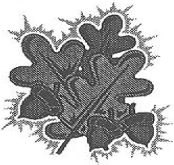


In order to make the food available to those in need on Thanksgiving Day, we are collecting non-perishable food items the weekend before Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day bring only the food to be blessed for your table.

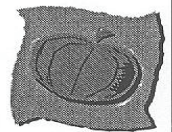
We will be collecting food for the poor on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT THE 5PM MASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT ALL THE MASSES

We are hoping to collect non-perishable Thanksgiving meal fixings, but all non-perishable foods are welcome. We appreciate your support and generosity.

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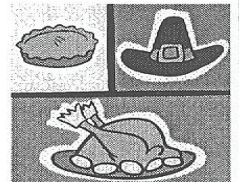


*The St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Luke Athletic Association
St. Luke Girl & Boy Scout Troops
The Knights of Columbus
St. Luke School
St. Luke School of Religion*



*St. Vincent de Paul
"Love is the art of caring.
Caring is the art of sharing.
Sharing is the art of living.
Living is the art of loving."*

*Our next Clothing Drive will be
June 24, 2012 from 8am to 1pm.*





SAINT LUKE
HOLY NIGHT - BRIGHT STAR CELEBRATION 2011



Help make our community radiant with the Light of Christ.
 Holy Night-Bright Star offers all our parishioners, friends and neighbors the opportunity to light up a tree by remembering or honoring the people that have touched our lives.

For a donation of \$250 you can dedicate a Tree of Lights in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Your donation will include:

- One fresh cut 5 foot Christmas tree decorated with lights.
- A sign containing the name of your loved one on each tree.
- Assist with the lights and star for the Parish Tree.
- A Mass for all our loved ones will be celebrated at 5:00PM on the night of the lighting - Saturday, December 10, 2011.

If you would like to donate a Tree of Lights for a loved one, please complete, sign and return the Sponsored Tree form below with a check for \$250 payable to Saint Luke Church. Any questions, please call the Rectory at 718-746-8102.

All are invited to sponsor a tree as a special way of saying:
"I'm thinking about you at Christmas!"

We ask for your earliest response since there will be a limited number of trees available. This year's Holy Night-Bright Star display will run from December 10, 2011 to January 8, 2012.



Please cut below the line

I/we would like to sponsor a tree in memory or in honor of:

NAME OF LOVED ONE _____
 (Please Print)

SPONSORED BY _____ **PHONE** _____
 (Please Print)

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



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Fun at the Farm!

On October 13th, the first and second grade classes visited White Post Farm. The children were very excited to visit the farm and see all the different animals. Their' faces glowed like jack-o-lanterns when they saw camels, zebras, goats, pigs, and fish. Then they took a hay ride to a field to pick their pumpkins. They ended the day by playing in miniature houses and on a ship structure.



Ms. Garofalo's Class 2-1

Saint Luke Church Youth Group
Next Meeting Saturday November 12th
7-9 pm in School Auditorium



All Youth must bring one or two canned goods to the meeting.

Meeting will focus on the needs of the poor and the needy.

Presentation on needs of children in Africa

40 young people will be chosen to bring food to pantries on Saturday November 19th.

For more information and to register call 718-746-8102

And ask for Father Vincent

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. - Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tues.- Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wed. - Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Thurs. - Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Fri. - Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat. - Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

MARIA C. LATA
JOSETTE TANZOLA
GRACE GAMBY
GIUSEPPE FEDELE
ANNA BRANDT
SANTINO VINCENT MIGLIACCIO
JENNIE ROMANO
MARYANN (IZZO) GERMINO
SUSANNA WINSHIP
LENNY KALLU
BARBARA SATALINO

AND FOR THE DECEASED:

RITA CICH

MEMORIALS

The Altar Breads are given in memory of ***FILOMENA MONTI FRARACCIO*** requested by her family



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Monday, November 7
7:00 Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family
12:00 All Souls

Tuesday, November 8
8:30 Deceased Members of the Franch Family
12:00 Dolores Clarke

November 9
7:00 Laurence Carroll (Anniversary)
12:00 Maria Cicero (Anniversary)

Thursday, November 10
8:30 Maria Romano (Anniversary)
12:00 Milan Honovic

Friday, November 11
7:00 Antonio Caringella
12:00 Patrick McAleer (20th Anniversary)

Saturday, November 12
8:30 Willy Toborg (Birthday)

Collective Intentions Mass ---

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

At this Mass we pray for:

SALVATORE TOTINO

Children's Worship Bulletin

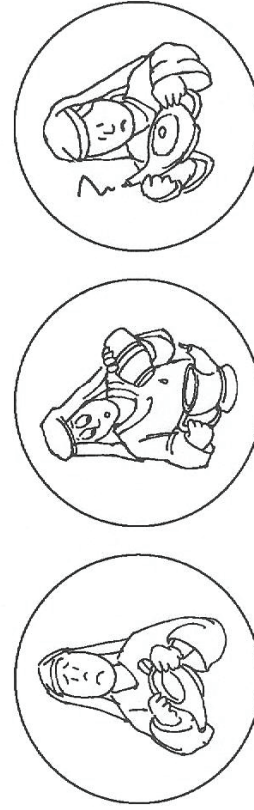
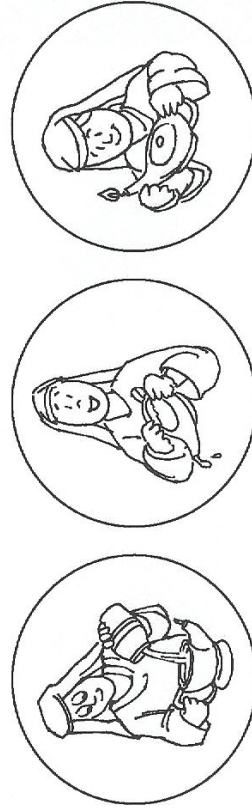


Ages 3-6 November 6, 2011 • Matthew 25:1-13

The 10 Bridesmaids

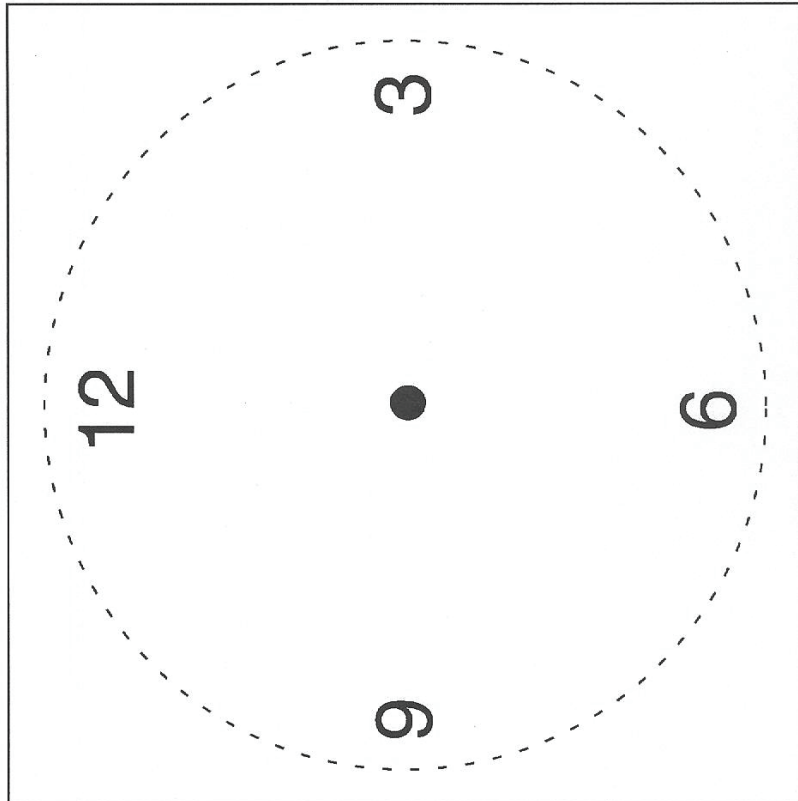
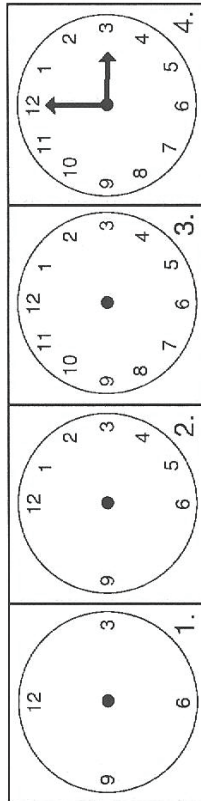
There were 5 wise bridesmaids. They had oil for their lamps. There were 5 foolish bridesmaids. They had no oil for their lamps.

Match the opposites.



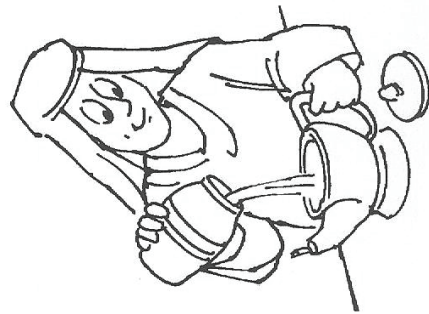
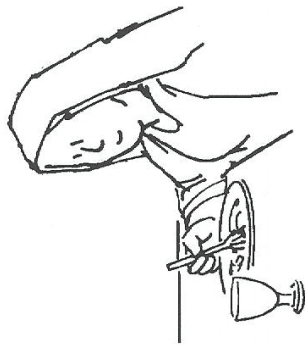
We do not know when Jesus will return.

Follow the steps to draw the clock.



They fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom.

Circle the bridesmaid who is sleeping.



When the bridegroom came, the 5 foolish bridesmaids were not ready. The bridegroom said, ...

Print the letters inside the bubble shapes.

I don't know you

“I don't

know

” you.”

