

St. Lukes' Parish Assembly

St. Luke's parish in Whitestone was one of many parishes who held successful assemblies in the last few months. We asked PPC Member Frank Coffaro what went into making St. Luke's assembly such a success:

As with most large undertakings, preparation was the key. Every single council member on each of the sub committees outdid themselves; Publicity, History, Data Collection, Prayer and Process and Hospitality.

We were very fortunate to have assistance from groups outside of the Council to assist in making the Assembly a huge success. For instance we, had volunteers at the registration tables, volunteers help set up and break down the meeting room, the Italian community baked cookies as part of the refreshments that were available, etc. The hours of preparation that went into making a DVD for our History presentation were well appreciated by all. It was also helpful that the Assembly started and ended as per our schedule.

I believe the single biggest contributor to the success of the Assembly was the approximate 300 parishioners who attended.

- #1. They came
- #2. They came with open hearts and minds
- #3. They came with the spirit of cooperation
- #4. They want to see the Parish as well as the Holy Catholic Church flourish
- #5. There were a large percentage of new faces in the Assembly

One of my pleasant surprises was the quality of responses that were submitted by almost all of the participants along with their willingness to share their thoughts in reference to each of the seven questions.

Finally, my sense was that the Holy Spirit was definitely in attendance. I believe the engagement of the Assembly and the expected cooperation of all of those who attended, working in conjunction with Monsignor Tosi and the Parish Pastoral Council will forge a new chapter in the history of St. Luke Parish.



Quote from the assembly by Frank Coffaro

"I would like to take just a minute to paint a picture. Imagine that you were home at night and the lights went out. What would you do? If you are like most people, I believe that you would find a flashlight to help guide your way. That's pretty much what a Mission Statement is. It is a written beam of light designed to help guide all that read it. It is our searchlight as we move ahead to shape the parish in a way that is compatible with your hopes and desires."

