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Sex Abuse Claims Jar Whitestone Parish

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A former Whitestone pastor has been barred from performing duties as a priest after a review found significant evidence that he sexually abused minors more than three decades ago, the Brooklyn Catholic Diocese said Tuesday.

Parishioners at St. Luke's Church in Whitestone were shocked to learn Sunday that Msgr. Nicholas Capua, who served at the church from 1983 to 2005, had been relieved of his priestly duties by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.

In a letter to the parishioners at St. Luke's read aloud in Italian and English at their weekly mass Sunday, DiMarzio explained that Capua will no longer be able to act as a priest, celebrate mass publicly or administer the sacraments. DiMarzio said he came to his decision after the Diocesan Review Board presented him with "sufficient evidence" that Capua had abused several minors more than 30 years ago.

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