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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME

Please pray with us, celebrate with us, and walk together with us in faith. We also hope

that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, welcome to all! May God bless us all.

CLERGY

Rev. George Villamthanam, Administrator

Rev. Bijoy Joseph, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Frank Hann

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays - M-F 8:00 AM

Weekends - SATURDAY 4PM

Sunday - 7:30AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

Confessions - Saturday 3:15-3:45

SECRETARY - Jane Thomas

Office Hours M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader

860-875-4951 stlukere@gmail.com.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Frank Hann 860-462-8032



Join us every Tuesday - 8:30am to 9:30am and the First Thursday of every month at 7pm with the Divine Mercy Prayer for the sick and dying.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or pick up a yellow Registration - form located at either entrance to the church.

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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4:00PM
+FATHER TOM R/B SISTER GUYTINA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022
7:30AM +VIC COHUN - BIRTHDAY
R/B ANN & FAMILY
10:30AM FOR OUR GRADE 10 STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES
6:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 8:00AM
+JOSEFINA KOWALSKI
R/B ED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 8:00AM
+MELANIE A. CRAFT
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 7, 8:00AM
+SALLY & MATT SMIITH
R/B PAUL & MARILYN GILBERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:00AM
+FREDERICK J. BAILEY
R/B THE FAMILY
7:00PM FOR ALL PARISHONERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 8:00AM
+JOHN DECARLI
R/B THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM
+EVA B. EIOFFIE - 21ST ANNIVERSARY
R/B ELAINE CHARTIER & FAMILY
+FRANK AHEARN - MASS OF REMBERENCE
R/B BANCROFT FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS
10:30AM +CAROL NEWTON
R/B BARRY NEWTON
6:00 PM ANGELA & JOSEPH LABELLA
R/B SISTER GUYTINA

Please pray for those who have gone to their Heavenly Father.

Please pray for those who are sick. Lord, Our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, especially from our Parish Family, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Our Lord. Amen

Charlie Allen, Wanda Allen, Calista Bailey, Louise Barbero, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, , Tina Chamberlin, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Jeanne Ferruolo, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Loren Schuiten, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Eugene & Judy Veillette, Sheila Waterhouse & Morris Webber.

MISSION DECLARATION

In order to witness as a better Christian Community in this third millennium, we, the members of Saint Luke Parish solemnly resolve to provide a worship and prayerful environment that stimulates the spiritual growth to every individual, to sacrifice time, talent and treasure in gratitude for God's generous blessings to His greater glory and for the people in need.

To promote Christian formation through religious instruction that foster/nurture the spiritual development of our children, our young people and grown-ups.

To encourage tolerance, openness, honesty and forgiveness to one another.

To promote the virtues of Justice, Peace, and Human dignity that:

- address injustice experienced by all peoples, especially women and minorities;

- take action to counteract violence in our society and to foster the sacredness of human life from conception to the grave.

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FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in Grade 10. We are looking forward to Growing In Faith Together! Contact Kim in the Faith Formation office with questions or to enroll your children.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Important Dates

Sunday, December 4, 2022 Confirmation Candle Mass and Retreat. All students and their families should plan to attend the 10:30 Mass. After mass all students will go to the church basement for lunch followed by the Confirmation retreat.

Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm - Confirmation Rehearsal for both students and sponsors.

Saturday, March 4 at 11am - Confirmation Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - GRADE 9 - IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday January 8th - Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30 for students and families.

Sunday January 22nd - Year 1 Confirmation Parent and Student Retreat. All Students and at least one parent will attend from 12:30 - 2:30

Service to Others and Youth Group Grades 8 and 9

All 8th and 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs no later than April 26th, 2023. We encourage all Confirmation students to make Youth Group part of their life by attending the monthly meetings. We do require them to attend at least 3 Youth Group meetings each year between September 2022 and May 2023.

FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

December 4, 11, 18 - Sunday Classes 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-5

December 6, 13 - Tuesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 5-10

December 7, 14 - Wednesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 6-10

December 20, 21, 25, 27 and 28 – No Classes

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) We are excited for all children age 4 through 5th grade to join us during the 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on December 4th, 11th & 18th.

"God, thank you for giving our family the gift of one another. Amen."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



November 20 - Regular collection
\$8,832

November 27 - Regular collection
\$3,601

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Dear children!

The Most High has sent me to you to teach you prayer. Prayer opens hearts and gives hope, and faith is born and strengthened. Little children, with love I am calling you: return to God, because God is love and your hope. You do not have a future if you do not decide for God; and that is why I am with you to guide you to decide for conversion and life, and not for death.

Thank you for having responded to my call.



ST. LUKE MARIAN DIVINE MERCY
WELCOMES YOU! PLEASE JOIN US MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 3PM WE MEET AT CHURCH TO PRAY THE NOVENA CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY. WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING ANY FORM OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ANGUISH, FOR THE END TO ABORTION AND FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD. USE THE SIDE ENTRANCE CLOSE TO THE RECTORY

ST. ANNE'S GRANDMOTHER'S GUILD

Please join us once a month for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Upcoming meetings are - Tuesday, December 13th and January 10th at 10:30 AM in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Louise at Hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com.

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MITTEN TREE DECEMBER 3 AND DECEMBER 14

GIVING THE GIFT OF WARMTH

Please join us in giving the Gift of Warmth to both children and adults in need this Christmas season. We will once again be running our Annual Mitten Tree to collect mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. There will be one tree located at the entrance of the church and a second tree located at the entrance to the parish center. Items may be dropped off between December 3rd and December 14th. Thank you for your love and generosity.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 8AM AND 7PM.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, December 12, 2022. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more

ST LUKES WOMEN'S GUILD

NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME!
PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10 AM IN THE PARISH CENTER, AS WE COME TOGETHER TO PRAY AND REFLECT ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 16TH AND JANUARY 6TH AND JANUARY 20TH. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO JOIN PLEASE CALL TRACY KEARCHER AT 203-578-0489.



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"Loving God, thank you for the gifts, blessings,
and joys of this day. Accompany and
strengthen us so that we may actively
live your love among our neighbors. Amen"

From: 5-Minute Prayers Around the Advent Wreath

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