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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 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



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.

SECRETARY - Jane Thomas

Office Hours M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader

860-875-4951 stlukere@gmail.com.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Frank Hann 860-462-8032

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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 8:00AM
+ANN & LUCIANO CAMPISI
R/B SISTER GUYTINA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8:00AM
+ANGELA ALBEE
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 14, 8:00AM
+GARY QUINN - 2ND ANNIVERSARY
R/B HIS WIFE & FAMILY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:00AM
+REV MSGR RICHARD P LAROCQUE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8:00AM
+JOSEPH F. GIRARDINI
R/B COHUN & GIRARDINI FAMILIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4:00PM
+FRANK GAETANO, III
R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022
7:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
10:30AM +BILL & KALEIGH
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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

January 24th & 25th – before class Gown Measurements

February 28th & March 1st – Confirmation Reconciliation 6:45 pm

Thursday March 2nd at 6:30 pm – Confirmation Rehearsal for both students & sponsors.

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

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

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

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

January 8th, 22nd, 29th - Sunday Classes 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-5

Sunday only No Class January 15th

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - Tuesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 5-10

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Wednesday Classes 6:45-8pm – Grades 6-10

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 11th & 18th.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Regular Collection - December 4, 2022

\$5,025

Maintenance Collection - December 4, 2022

\$1,950

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.' James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS - FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 23RD - 4:00 PM TO 5 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM AND 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING
7:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

THERE WILL BE NO 6 PM MASS



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 meeting 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.

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 additional information or to join Please call - TRACY KEARCHER at 203-578-0489

CENACLE GROUP

The St Luke Cenacle Group is a prayer group that meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the parish center. We pray for the Catholics who have left the faith or lost the belief of The Real Presence in the Eucharist. We reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. We end the meeting with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the sick and dying in our families, and our parish especially for those who died unexpectedly. All are welcomed. For more info please see Sue Beers, Laraine Kennedy or Deacon Frank.

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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.

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 information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, tel: 860-456-3349.

The Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist, did you know? What forms does God's presence take in the New Testament? In the New Testament the primary revelation of God's presence is in Jesus himself. He is the incarnation of God's very being in human form and, as such, is the model for what God invites us all to become. Jesus brings about through his death and resurrection the final reconciliation between God and humanity. At the Last Supper, he promised to be with us in the bread and wine as our food and drink when we remember him and his death and resurrection. (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

COMING to St. Luke's Church in 2023...

First Friday Devotion!

Beginning January 2023, **St. Luke's Church** will be offering a Mass for the **First Friday Devotion** from **12:00-12:30**. This will be held at noon to allow those that work to attend during their lunch hour. Please spread the word and plan to join us on Friday January 6th at 12 noon. And save these dates to your 2023 calendar:

02/03/23, 03/03/23, 04/14/2023, 05/05/23, 06/02/23, 07/07/23, 08/04/23, 09/01/23, 10/06/23, 11/03/23, 12/01/23.

In these days of great turmoil, it is urgent that we renew our devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** in the spirit of reparation. The practice of the nine **First Fridays** is a powerful way to do this, as He Himself gave us this devotion as a sure way of consoling His Sacred Heart. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us!



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"Lord, endow us with discernment so that we might recognize the seeds of harshness in our lives. Help us to overcome this harshness with the heart of compassion, seeing then your presence in all human beings. Amen."

From: *Advent & Christmas Wisdom*
from Henri J. Nouwen

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