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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 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

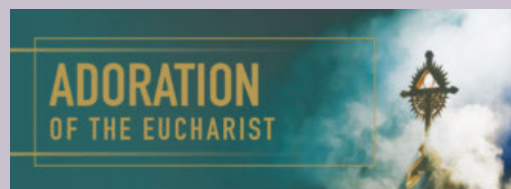
FAITH FORMATION

Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader
860-875-4951 stluckre@gmail.com

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Deacon Frank Hann 860-462-8032

BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Hann
@ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and
God parents should be practicing Catholics.



Join us every Tuesday - 8:30 am to 9:30 am 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.

MARRIAGES

Couples should make arrangements
By registering their marriage intentions at the rectory 6 months in advance.

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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 8:00AM

+CARL & PHYLLIS CAMPISI
R/B SISTER GUYTINA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 8:00AM

+ARTHUR NL POIRIER
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 21, 8:00AM

+REV NORMAN ST. MARTIN
R/B SISTER GUYTINA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:00AM

+IDA CAPOGIANCO & SON RICHARD
R/B HER DAUGHTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8:00AM

+WILLIAM & LUCILLE BEERS
R/B DAUGHTER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24,

4:00PM +STEPHANIE MOORE
R/B THE FAMILY

10:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

7:30AM +HENRY THOMAS

R/B JANE & THE FAMILY

+ANN PIENKOWSKI

R/B THE FAMILY

10:30AM +ELDEN HOPPERSTAD

R/B CATHY HOPPERSTAD



IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilson Flynn

PRAYER 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 18th - Sunday Classes 9-10:15 am – Grades 1-5

December 20th, 21st, 25th, 27th and 28th and January 1st – 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) during the 10:30 am Mass

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 18th, 22nd and 29th.

"Jesus, thank you for the gift of one another and help our family to be a place where faith flourishes! Amen."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Regular Collection - December 11, 2022
To be included in next weeks bulletin



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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 for a time of prayer, sharing and learning! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:30am in the Parish Center. Save the date and we hope to see you there! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

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 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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Marriage Preparation Classes Dates, Locations Set for 2023

The Catholic Family Services Office is offering Marriage Preparation Classes for engaged couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Each class gives engaged couples an understanding of the Church's vision of marriage and sexuality and provides a forum for couples to share and discuss challenging questions about their relationship. Classes meet on Saturdays and generally run from 8:30 to 4 P.M. Upcoming 2023 dates at various locations throughout the diocese are: January 7, (with a snow date of Jan. 21) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry; March 4, (with a March 28, snow date), at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, May 6, at St. Mary, Portland; June, 24 at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, August 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry; and November 11 at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. The cost for each class is \$75 per couple. Registration is required and space is limited in each class so register early to secure your spot. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

--Mother Teresa of Calcutta--



The Eucharistic Revival - The Eucharist, did you know?

How does God's presence continue after the death and resurrection of Jesus? Paul whose letters are the oldest writings in the New Testament, identifies several ways that Christ continues to be present after his resurrection:

- In the community, which is identified as the new earthly body of Christ and so the place where Jesus continues to reveal God's work of salvation.
- In individual Christians, who through grace (God's life in us) and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit (God's power at work in us) continue Jesus' saving mission.
- In the Eucharistic meal in which the community experiences the unique presence of Jesus who promised to be with us as the bread and wine when we do this action in his memory.

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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