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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### 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

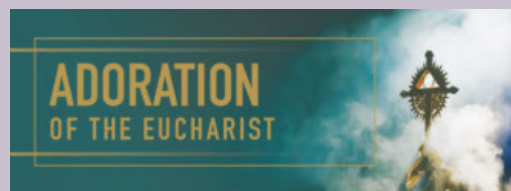
Deacon Frank Hann 860-462-8032

### BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Hann

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

DECEMBER 25, 2022



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.

# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

## LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 8:00AM  
MATTHEW & MADISON  
ONE MONTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
R/B NICK CHAPMAN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 8:00AM  
+DAVID & HELEN MARR  
R/B THE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 8:00AM  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 8:00AM  
+MARY CURELLO  
R/B CATHY HOPPERSTAD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 8:00AM  
+ANN MARIE & RICHARD PLUCAS  
R/B SUSAN BEERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31  
4:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023  
7:30AM +FOR ALL DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF ST LUKE PARISH  
10:30AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
6:00 PM, FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



### IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilson Flynn

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### 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 Gytina, 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.

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### 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.



# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – before class Gown Measurements

February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Reconciliation 6:45 pm

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

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am - Confirmation Mass

## CONFIRMATION 2024 - GRADE 9 - IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30 for students and families

Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs no later than April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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

No classes - December 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

Sunday only No Class January 15<sup>th</sup>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 am Mass

We are excited for all children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

# CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Regular Collection - December 11, 2022

\$4,257

Immaculate Conception

\$1,066

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### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GEORGE

My warm and personal greetings for a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2023.

As we come together at this time of year - a time for family and friends - it is good for us also to spend some time reflecting on the "Reason for the Season" - Jesus Christ, the Lord. It is important that we welcome Him to our homes and to our celebrations, remembering that as Christians, we celebrate Christmas not as a secular holiday, but as a proclamation of our faith that God loved the world. He sent His only Son, and that the word became flesh and dwells among us. In a world that wants to make Christmas only about presents, food, Santa Claus and self indulgence, we as Catholics are not ashamed to profess our faith. We are not ashamed to say "Merry Christmas", we are not ashamed to have a manger at home or outside, on our streets. We are proud to be the disciples of Jesus and we want all to rejoice with us as we celebrate His birth.

I thank everyone of you for your great love and support to the Parish. I also, would like to thank all the volunteers for their great work and support in the running of the Parish. Together as a united family of God we have faced many challenges; God has been very generous through our Parish members offering their time, talent and treasures.

My thanks to Fr. Bijoy, the Parish staff for their great work, and everyone who has helped us in their ways and means.

Again, I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God Bless our world with Peace and Joy.



### 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

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### ST. ANNE 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. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas! For more information, please contact: Louise at hearttau@aol.com or Laraine at laraineknndy@yahoo.com

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### 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

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### 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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## Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"Jesus is born for a humanity searching for freedom and peace; he is born for everyone burdened by sin, in need of salvation, and yearning for hope."

--Christmas Homily 2002 - St. John Paul II--

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas!

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## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14*

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus - the best gift we could ever receive

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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31 - 4:00PM  
Sunday, January 1, 2023 -  
7:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM

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## **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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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

- Fall Leaf Collection - The Property Management Committee this year has cleaned the campus of leaves. The effort was headed up by Justin DiGiacomo and has saved the parish approximately \$800.
- Sanctuary Lights - All 14 sanctuary LED lights bulbs have been replaced with new high intensity spot lights. This will allow Father George & Father Bijoy at the altar & Sanctuary to be illuminated in a brighter setting. This effort was headed up by Jack Schirra.
- Carillon System - The bells are ringing!!! The old Carillon system was damaged during an Eversource electrical surge which stopped all the bells from ringing. The Property Management Committee met with a vendor and selected a new state of the art Verdin Sonata Carillon. It will continue to ring on the hour from 8:00AM to 8:00PM including the Angelus at Noon. There will also be more songs & bells rung as recommended by Father George, Father Bijoy, Ellen O'Shaughnessy & Tom Curtiss.
- A special thanks to Paul Gilbert for coordinating the above projects and for all his dedication and support in maintaining our Parish.

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