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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

WELCOME

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

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM

First Friday Mass - 12:00 PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Winter

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Spring, Summer, Fall

Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

SECRETARY - Karen Luciano

Office Hours - M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader

860-875-4951

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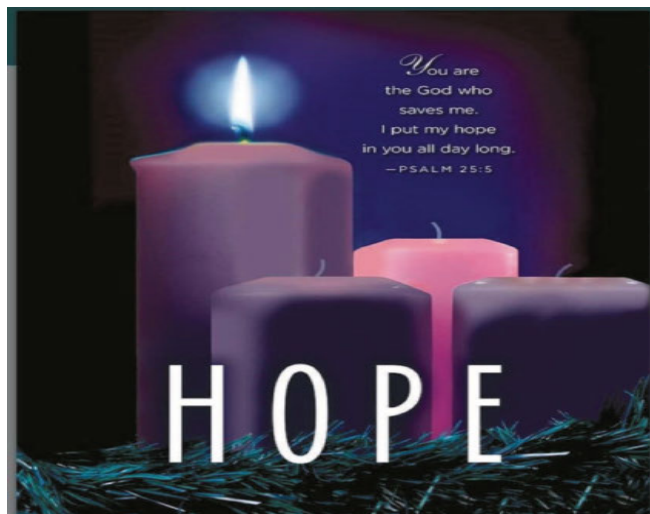
Deacon Frank Hann

860-462-8032

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the Parish Office, pick up a yellow registration form located at both entrances to the Church or register on our website.

DECEMBER 3, 2023



BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Hann at 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGES

Couples are encouraged to make arrangements by Registering their marriage intentions at the rectory office 6 months in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Rectory Office if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and would like to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Anointing of the Sick.



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

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Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Nashwinter

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00PM +KAREN KUPEC

R/B NANCY STAPLES & ERNEST PERRY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30AM +FOR THE WHITE & WAUDBY FAMILIES

R/B THE FAMILY

10:30AM FOR THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 8:00AM

+VIC COHUN

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

R/B THE FAMILY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 8:00AM

+SISTER CORDILLA

R/B VINCENT & ANITA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 8:00AM

+JEAN BRADY

R/B SISTER GUYTINA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:00AM

+ADAM POIRIER

R/B THE FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM +JAMES POIRIER

R/B THE FAMILY

7:00PM +WILLIAM & LUCILLE BEERS

R/B SUSAN BEERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00PM +JOHN DECARLI

R/B THE FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30AM +FRANCIS POIRER

R/B THE FAMILY

10:30AM +CAROL NEWTON

R/B BARRY NEWTON

6:00PM +EVA CIOFFI

22ND ANNIVERSARY

R/B HER DAUGHTER ELAINE & FAMILY

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, Carol DiCioccio, Jeanne Ferruolo, Marge Griffin, Deacon Harry Grospitch, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Mark McPartland, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Stanley Pienkowski, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Cooper Somberg, Jane Thomas, Judy Veillette, Bill Vieweg, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber, Edward Wysocki

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 adults.

-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 News

“LIFT - Living In Faith Together! As we lift each other up in prayer and grow together in our Catholic Faith.”

Faith Formation 2023-2024

We are looking forward to a year of *Living In Faith Together (Lift!)* as we lift each other up in prayer and grow together in our Catholic Faith! Our Faith Formation program runs Kindergarten through Confirmation in Grade 10. **For more information, contact Kim Bocchino in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951 or stlukere@gmail.com**

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday December 3rd, 10th, 17th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Sunday December 3rd – Confirmation Grade 10 Mass and Retreat 10:30-3:45pm

Tuesday December 5th, 12th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday December 6th, 13th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

Sunday December 10th – Grade 2 Parent Student Reconciliation Workshop 9am

Sunday December 10th – Grade 8 Family Mass at 10:30 Mass

No Classes December 19th, 20th, 24, 26th, 27th, 31st, January 2nd and 3rd.

Sunday January 7th, 21st, 28th – class from 9-10:15 am – Grades K-5

Sunday January 7th – Grade 2 Family Mass at 10:30

No Class Sunday January 14th

Tuesday January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 5-10

Wednesday January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 6-10

Sunday January 28th – Grade 9 Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30

Sunday January 28th – Grade 9 Parent & student retreat 10:30-2:30pm

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

Join us each Sunday for (CLOW) Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and Grade 3 First Eucharist

Important Dates

Sunday, December 10th - Grade 2 Parent & Student Reconciliation Workshop

Confirmation 2024 - Grade 10

Sunday December 3rd - Confirmation Candle Mass at 10:30 Mass

Sunday December 3rd - Confirmation Student Retreat until 3:45pm

Sunday March 10th, 2024 Confirmation Mass at 1 pm

Confirmation Retreat - Grade 9

Sunday January 28th - Grade 9 Confirmation

Commitment Mass at 10:30 Mass

Sunday January 28th - Grade 9 Parent & Student Confirmation Retreat until 2:30pm

Service to Others & Youth Group - Grades 8, 9 and 10

All 8th, 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service, answer a few reflection questions and turn in their completed Service to Others Logs **no later than April 30, 2024.** We encourage all 8th, 9th and 10th grade 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 and May.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

The Knights of Councils invite St Luke's Faith Formation Students to participate in the Keeping CHRIST in

Christmas program. We encourage the youth of the parish to find ways to recognize the importance of keeping Christ in the center of the Christmas season.

Students' may enter the Essay Contest, Poster Contest or both! There are 3 age divisions: **Ages 5-8; 9-12 and 13-16.** Materials will be provided along with entry forms. The **first place winners** in both areas, and for each division, will receive a prize. **ALL participants** will receive a gift as recognition for their efforts. Students from other area parishes will also be participating. All entries **MUST** be submitted by December 10th to Mrs. Bocchino. The judging will be done on Dec 16th and all winners notified after. Any questions please contact Mrs. Bocchino.

Church of Saint Luke Community News



REGULAR COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - \$3,746

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - \$4,256

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

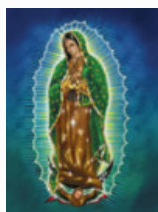
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth

Give the Gift of Warmth



The trees are set up at the front entrance of the Church and the Parish Center this weekend and

December 9th and 10th. Let us remember the people who are cold by keeping them warm with mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks.



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, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. 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 / email: aposthispano@gmail.com

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING
MASS ON TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH**



ST. LUKE MARIAN DIVINE MERCY

Come visit our church to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM, Monday through Friday. If you find yourself alone, you never are. JESUS is with you! Pray for our parish family, our church and our world. Please use the side entrance close to the rectory.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEND US YOUR CRECHE PICTURES



This program has been so successful in past years that the Knights of Columbus are continuing it again this year. Last year's photos will be posted once again on the parish website. If you missed the opportunity last year for posting a photo we would love to see them this year. If you have made changes to your display, we would love to add them to our collection.

Remember, that the intent behind this initiative is to inspire others the true meaning of our Christmas celebration, It is NOT a competition where we are seeking the best display. The primary purpose is simply to inspire others to display a crèche of their own.

Blessed Sacrament parish has extended this program to our parish because membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 4122, is available to the men of our parish.

There is a deadline. They must be submitted by December 21st in order to be posted on the website. Please **include our parish name** when you submit your Crèche photos. To view the photos submitted go to the website: <https://blessedsacramentct.org>

Submit them by text to 860-519-9094. OR by email to hmdufault@verizon.net

Church of St. Luke Lending Library

"Often when we read or hear a Scripture passage, we do so from a safe distance, just skimming its surface or analyzing it intellectually. Imaginative prayer does not let us off the hook so easily: We stand right alongside Jesus as he navigates the challenges of everyday life -- hunger, death, sickness, conflict, exclusion -- in a specific time and place. Whether he is calling out the Pharisees for their religious hypocrisy, healing a sick woman, offering the incredulous crowd living bread, or rescuing Peter from drowning, Jesus catches our eye, asking: *And what about you?*"

Taken from the **Imagine You Walked with Jesus - A Guide to Ignatian Contemplative Prayer** by Jerry Windley-Daoust

Stop by the **Lending Library** and browse our latest **Advent** book selections for some great titles.

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St. Luke's offers weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. The Church in the United States is conducting a three year long period of Eucharistic revival, in an effort to renew the Faithful's knowledge, understanding, belief in and love of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.

All are invited and encouraged to take time, on a regular, weekly basis, to spend quiet time in prayer with Jesus. Adoration of the Eucharist is a fantastic opportunity to deepen one's relationship with God, to become more prayerful and attuned to the gifts of God's love, and to more fully appreciate all that God has blessed us with in our savior Jesus.

I hope that this will become a successful and fruitful prayer experience for all in our parish and the wider community. Please plan on taking part in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - Jesus Christ - our redeemer. God Bless .

Adoration of the Eucharist will be this Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Friday, December 8th is a day of Holy Obligation. Mass will be at 8:00am and 7:00pm. When coming to 8:00am Mass, please do not park in the Employee parking spaces at the Library.

THANK YOU TO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM OF PAUL GILBERT, JUSTIN DIGIACOMO, JACK SHIRRA AND MARK MCMAHON FOR THE LEAF CLEAN UP. YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

What Are Spiritual Exercises?

The Spiritual Exercises grew out of Saint Ignatius Loyola's personal experience as a man seeking to grow in union with God and to discern God's will. He kept a journal as he gained spiritual insight and deepened his spiritual experience. He added to these notes as he directed other people and discovered what "worked." Eventually Ignatius gathered these prayers, meditations, reflections, and directions into a carefully designed framework of a retreat, which he called "spiritual exercises."

Join us for an Advent themed reflection and introduction to The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. There will be two sessions for you to choose from.

Choose whichever one is convenient for you. After the session you will be given a practical exercise to reflect on.

Monday, December 4th - 7:00 pm - Church

Wednesday, December 6th - 8:30am after 8am Mass

Monday, December 11th - 7:00pm - Church

Wednesday, December 13th - 8:30am after 8am Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

Dec 2 and Dec 3 - Mitten Tree

Dec 3 - Advent Begins

Dec 4 - Liturgical Committee - 6:30 pm

Dec 5 and Dec 6 No morning Mass

Dec 7 - Adoration of the Eucharist—7 pm - Church

Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses will be 8am and 7 pm

Dec 9 and Dec 10 - Mitten Tree - last weekend

Dec 10 - Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass Church Hall

Dec 11 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm

Dec 16 and Dec 17 - Giving Tree

Dec 19 - St. Anne Grandmother's Guild - 10:30 am

Dec 20 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm

Dec 23 and Dec 24 - Giving Tree - last weekend

Dec 24 - Confessions - 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

Dec 24 - Masses will be 7:30 am and 10:30 am (Reg Sunday)

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Children's Mass at 4:00pm, and Mass at 10:00 pm

Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day - Masses at 7:30 am and 10:30 am

Dec 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Thank
You*

Thank you to everyone who visited our Christmas Bazaar at the beginning of November. A huge thanks to everyone who worked/volunteered and a special thanks to all the chair/contact people who had to work with me:

Anita Overgaard - Heavenly Baked Goods

Karen Luciano - Main Raffle

Luis and Judit Negreros - Gift Baskets

Loretta Nelson and Courtney Stearns - Tea Cup Raffle

Carol DiCioccio - Attic Treasures

Agnes Welch - Linens & Things

Cathy Peck - St. Luke's Crafters

Laura Gayton - Vendors

Isabel Bancroft - Popcorn

Brigid McGrath Zarcaro - Children's Room

Kim Bocchino - Volunteers

Janet DeForge - Cafe

Linda Timura - Attic Treasures clean up coordination

And also thank you to Father George and Father Bijoy for opening up both days!

Be sure to be on the lookout for helping opportunities for next year's event!

Laura Pienkowski, 2023 Bazaar Coordinator

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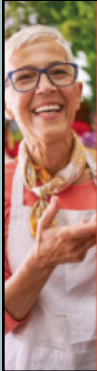
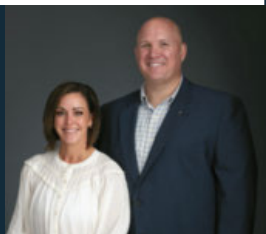
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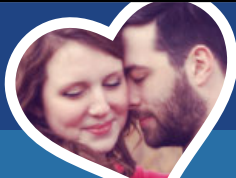
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